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SENATE OF THE FIRST CONGRESS OF THE CONFEDERATE
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Third session.

Held at Richmond, Va., January 12, 1863, to May 1, 1863.

Fourth session.

Held at Richmond, Va., December 7, 1863, to February 17, 1864.

SENATE OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES.

FIRST CONGRESS, THIRD SESSION, JANUARY 12, 1863, TO MAY 1, 1863.

The second [third] session of the First Congress, in conformity with the Constitution and laws, commenced this day at the city of Richmond; and the Senate assembled.

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

PRESENT.

From the State of—

ALABAMA	William L. Yancey.
FLORIDA	Augustus E. Maxwell.
GEORGIA	Benjamin H. Hill.
KENTUCKY	Henry C. Burnett.
LOUISIANA	Thomas J. Semmes.
MISSOURI	John B. Clark.
NORTH CAROLINA	William T. Dortch.
SOUTH CAROLINA	Robert W. Barnwell.
TEXAS	Louis T. Wigfall.
VIRGINIA	R. M. T. Hunter.

The Hon. R. M. T. Hunter, President pro tempore of the Senate, resumed the chair.

It appearing that a quorum of the Senate was not present,

On motion by Mr. Clark,

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

The Hon. James M. Baker, from the State of Florida; the Hon. Clement C. Clay, from the State of Alabama, and the Hon. Gustavus A. Henry, from the State of Tennessee, severally attended.

No quorum being present,

On motion by Mr. Clark,

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

The Hon. George Davis, from the State of North Carolina; the Hon. James Phelan, from the State of Mississippi, and the Hon. Edward Sparrow, from the State of Louisiana, severally attended.

It appearing that a quorum of the Senate was not present,

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be directed to request the attendance of absent Senators.

A quorum appearing,

On motion by Mr. Clark,

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate has assembled, and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Lamar:

Mr. President: I am instructed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives, in the absence of the Speaker, has been duly organized by the election of the Hon. J. L. M. Curry, of Alabama, as Speaker pro tempore.

The House of Representatives have passed a resolution to appoint a committee of three, to join such committee as may be appointed by the Senate, to wait on the President of the Confederate States and inform him that the Congress of the Confederate States is now in session pursuant to adjournment, and ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to submit; and have appointed Messrs. Holt of Georgia, Sexton of Texas, and Goode of Virginia the committee on their part.

Mr. Clay submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, jointly with the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to wait on the President of the Confederate States and inform him that Congress is now in session and ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That the committee be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Clay, Mr. Barnwell, and Mr. Henry were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Clay, from the committee appointed on the part of the Senate, jointly with the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to wait on the President of the Confederate States and inform him that Congress is now in session and ready to receive any

communication he may be pleased to make, reported that they had performed the duty assigned them, and that the President replied that he would immediately make a communication to the two Houses of Congress.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Confederate States:

At the date of your last adjournment the preparations of the enemy for further hostilities had assumed so menacing an aspect as to excite in some minds apprehension of our ability to meet them with sufficient promptness to avoid serious reverses. These preparations were completed shortly after your departure from the seat of government, and the armies of the United States made simultaneous advance on our frontiers, on the western rivers, and on the Atlantic coast in masses so great as to evince their hope of overbearing all resistance by mere weight of numbers. This hope, however, like those previously entertained by our foes, has vanished. In Virginia, their fourth attempt at invasion by armies whose assured success was confidently predicted has met with decisive repulse. Our noble defenders, under the consummate leadership of their general, have again, at Fredericksburg, inflicted on the forces under General Burnside the like disastrous overthrow as had been previously suffered by the successive invading armies commanded by Generals McDowell, McClellan, and Pope.

In the West obstinate battles have been fought with varying fortunes, marked by frightful carnage on both sides, but the enemy's hopes of decisive results have again been baffled, while at Vicksburg another formidable expedition has been repulsed with inconsiderable loss on our side and severe damage to the assailing forces. On the Atlantic coast the enemy has been unable to gain a footing beyond the protecting shelter of his fleets, and the city of Galveston has just been recovered by our forces, which succeeded not only in the capture of the garrison, but of one of the enemy's vessels of war, which was carried by boarding parties from merchant river steamers. Our fortified positions have everywhere been much strengthened and improved, affording assurance of our ability to meet, with success, the utmost efforts of our enemies, in spite of the magnitude of their preparations for attack.

A review of our history during the two years of our national existence affords ample cause for congratulation and demands the most fervent expression of our thankfulness to the Almighty Father who has blessed our cause. We are justified in asserting, with a pride surely not unbecoming, that these Confederate States have added another to the lessons taught by history for the instruction of man; that they have afforded another example of the impossibility of subjugating a people determined to be free, and have demonstrated that no superiority of numbers or available resources can overcome the resistance offered by such valor in combat, such constancy under suffering, and such cheerful endurance of privation as have been conspicuously displayed by this people in the defense of their rights and liberties. The anticipations with which we entered into the contest have now ripened into a conviction which is not only shared with us by the common opinion of neutral nations, but is evidently forcing itself upon our enemies themselves. If we but mark the history of the present year by resolute perseverance in the path we have hitherto pursued, by vigorous effort in the development of all our resources for defense, and by the continued exhibition of the same unfaltering courage in our soldiers and able conduct in their leaders as have distinguished the past, we have every reason to expect that this will be the closing year of the war. The war, which, in its inception, was waged for forcing us back into the Union, having failed to accomplish that purpose, passed into a second stage, in which it was attempted to conquer and rule these States as dependent provinces. Defeated in this second design, our enemies have evidently entered upon another, which can have no other purpose than revenge and thirst for blood and plunder of private property. But however implacable they may be, they can have neither the spirit nor the resources required for a fourth year of a struggle uncheered by any hope of success, kept alive solely for the indulgence of mercenary and wicked passions, and demanding so exhaustive an expenditure of blood and money as has hitherto been imposed on their people. The advent of peace will be hailed with joy. Our desire for it has never been concealed. Our efforts to avoid the war, forced on us as it was by the lust of conquest and the insane passions of our foes, are known to mankind. But earnest as has been our wish for peace and great as have been our sacrifices and sufferings during the war, the determination of this people has, with each succeeding month, become more unalterably fixed to endure any sufferings and continue any sacrifices, however prolonged, until their right to self-government and

the sovereignty and independence of these States shall have been triumphantly vindicated and firmly established.

In this connection the occasion seems not unsuitable for some reference to the relations between the Confederacy and the neutral powers of Europe since the separation of these States from the former Union.

Four of the States now members of the Confederacy were recognized by name as independent sovereignties in a treaty of peace concluded in the year 1783 with one of the two great maritime powers of western Europe, and had been prior to that period allies in war of the other. In the year 1778 they formed a union with nine other States under Articles of Confederation. Dissatisfied with that union, three of them—Virginia, South Carolina, and Georgia, together with eight of the States now members of the United States—seceded from it in 1789, and these eleven seceding States formed a second union, although by the terms of the Articles of Confederation express provision was made that the first union should be perpetual. Their right to secede, notwithstanding this provision, was neither contested by the States from which they separated nor made the subject of discussion with any third power. When, at a later period, North Carolina acceded to that second union, and when, still later, the other sovereign ^a States—now members of this Confederacy—became also members of the same union, it was upon the recognized footing of equal and independent sovereignties; nor had it then entered into the minds of men that sovereign States could be compelled by force to remain members of a Confederation into which they had entered of their own free will, if at a subsequent period the defense of their safety and honor should in their judgment justify withdrawal. The experience of the past had evinced the futility of any renunciation of such inherent rights, and accordingly the provision for perpetuity contained in the Articles of Confederation of 1778 was omitted in the Constitution of 1789. When therefore, in 1861, eleven of the States again thought proper, for reason satisfactory to themselves, to secede from the second union and to form a third one under an amended constitution, they exercised a right which, being inherent, required no justification to foreign nations, and which international law did not permit them to question. The usages of intercourse between nations do, however, require that official communication be made to friendly powers of all organic changes in the constitution of States, and there was obvious propriety in giving prompt assurance of our desire to continue amicable relations with all mankind. It was under the influence of these considerations that your predecessors, the Provisional Government, took early measures for sending to Europe commissioners charged with the duty of visiting the capitals of the different powers and making arrangements for the opening of more formal diplomatic intercourse.

Prior, however, to the arrival abroad of those commissioners, the United States had commenced hostilities against the Confederacy by dispatching a secret expedition for the reenforcement of Fort Sumter, after an express promise to the contrary, and with a duplicity which has been fully unveiled in a former message. They had also addressed communications to the different cabinets of Europe, in which they assumed the attitude of being sovereign over this Confederacy, alleging that these independent States were in rebellion against the remaining States of the Union and threatening Europe with manifestations of their displeasure if it should treat the Confederate States as having an independent existence. It soon became known that these pretensions were not considered abroad to be as absurd as they were known to be at home, nor had Europe yet learned what reliance was to be placed on the official statements of the Cabinet at Washington. The delegation of power granted by these States to the Federal Government to represent them in foreign intercourse had led Europe into the grave error of supposing that their separate sovereignty and independence had been merged into one common sovereignty and had ceased to have a distinct existence. Under the influence of this error, which all appeals to reason and historical fact were vainly used to dispel, our commissioners were met by the declaration that foreign governments could not assume to judge between the conflicting representations of the two parties as to the true nature of their previous mutual relations. The Governments of Great Britain and France accordingly signified their determination to confine themselves to recognizing the self-evident fact of the existence of a war and to maintaining a strict neutrality during its progress. Some of the other powers of Europe pursued the same course of policy, and it became apparent that by some understanding, express or tacit, Europe had decided to leave the initiative in all action touching the contest on this continent to the two powers just named, who were recognized to have the largest interests involved, both by reason of proximity and of the extent and intimacy of their commercial relations with the States engaged in war.

^a In the original this word was written "seven." For the President's letter changing it to read "sovereign," see p. 28, *post*.

It is manifest that the course of action adopted by Europe, while based on an apparent refusal to determine the question or to side with either party, was, in point of fact, an actual decision against our rights and in favor of the groundless pretensions of the United States. It was a refusal to treat us as an independent Government. If we were independent States, the refusal to entertain with us the same international intercourse as was maintained with our enemy was unjust and was injurious in its effects, whatever may have been the motive which prompted it. Neither was it in accordance with the high moral obligations of that international code whose chief sanction is the conscience of sovereigns and the public opinion of mankind, that those eminent powers should decline the performance of a duty peculiarly incumbent on them, from any apprehension of the consequences to themselves. One immediate and necessary result of their declining the responsibility of a decision which must have been adverse to the extravagant pretensions of the United States, was the prolongation of hostilities to which our enemies were thereby encouraged and which have resulted in nothing but scenes of carnage and devastation on this continent, and of misery and suffering on the other, such as have scarcely a parallel in history. Had those powers promptly admitted our right to be treated as all other independent nations, none can doubt that the moral effect of such action would have been to dispel the delusion under which the United States have persisted in their efforts to accomplish our subjugation. To the continued hesitation of the same powers in rendering this act of simple justice toward this Confederacy is still due the continuance of the calamities which mankind suffers from the interruption of its peaceful pursuits, both in the old and the new worlds.

There are other matters in which less than justice has been rendered to this people by neutral Europe, and undue advantage conferred on the aggressors in a wicked war. At the inception of hostilities the inhabitants of the Confederacy were almost exclusively agriculturists; those of the United States, to a great extent, mechanics and merchants. We had no commercial marine, while their merchant vessels covered the ocean. We were without a navy, while they had powerful fleets. The advantage which they possessed for inflicting injury on our coasts and harbors was thus counterbalanced in some measure by the exposure of their commerce to attack by private armed vessels. It was known to Europe that within a very few years past the United States had peremptorily refused to accede to proposals for abolishing privateering, on the ground, as alleged by them, that nations owning powerful fleets would thereby obtain undue advantage over those possessing inferior naval forces. Yet no sooner was war flagrant between this Confederacy and the United States than the maritime powers of Europe issued orders prohibiting either party from bringing prizes into their ports. This prohibition, directed with apparent impartiality against both belligerents, was in reality effective against the Confederate States alone, for they alone could find a hostile commerce on the ocean. Merely nominal against the United States, the prohibition operated with intense severity on the Confederacy, by depriving it of the only means of maintaining, with some approach to equality, its struggle on the ocean against the crushing superiority of naval force possessed by its enemies. The value and efficiency of the weapon which was thus wrested from our grasp by the combined action of neutral European powers in favor of a nation which professes openly its intention of ravaging their commerce by privateers in any future war, is strikingly illustrated by the terror inspired among the commercial classes of the United States by a single cruiser of the Confederacy. One national steamer commanded by officers and manned by a crew who are debared, by the closure of neutral ports, from the opportunity of causing captured vessels to be condemned in their favor as prize, has sufficed to double the rates of marine insurance in northern ports and consign to forced inaction numbers of northern vessels, in addition to the direct damage inflicted by captures at sea. How difficult, then, to overestimate the effects that must have been produced by the hundreds of private armed vessels that would have swept the seas in pursuit of the commerce of our enemy, if the means of disposing of their prizes had not been withheld by the action of neutral Europe!

But it is especially in relation to the so-called blockade of our coast that the policy of European powers has been so shaped as to cause the greatest injury to the Confederacy, and to confer signal advantages on the United States. The importance of this subject requires some development.

Prior to the year 1856 the principles regulating this subject were to be gathered from the writings of eminent publicists, the decisions of admiralty courts, international treaties, and the usages of nations. The uncertainty and doubt which prevailed in reference to the true rules of maritime law in time of war, resulting from the discordant and often conflicting principles announced from such varied and independent sources, had become a grievous evil to mankind. Whether a blockade was allowable against a port not invested by land as well as by sea; whether a blockade was valid

by sea if the investing fleet was merely sufficient to render ingress to the blockaded port "evidently dangerous," or whether it was further required for its legality that it should be sufficient "really to prevent access;" and numerous other similar questions had remained doubtful and undecided.

Animated by the highly honorable desire to put an end "to differences of opinion between neutrals and belligerents, which may occasion serious difficulties and even conflicts" (I quote the official language), the five great powers of Europe, together with Sardinia and Turkey, adopted in 1856 the following "solemn declaration" of principles:

"1. Privateering is and remains abolished.
 "2. The neutral flag covers enemy's goods, with the exception of contraband of war.

"3. Neutral goods, with the exception of contraband of war, are not liable to capture under enemy's flag.

"4. Blockades, in order to be binding, must be effective; that is to say, maintained by a force sufficient really to prevent access to the coast of the enemy."

Not only did this solemn declaration announce to the world the principles to which the signing powers agreed to conform in future wars, but it contained a clause to which those powers gave immediate effect, and which provided that the States, not parties to the Congress of Paris, should be invited to accede to the declaration. Under this invitation every independent State in Europe yielded its assent; at least, no instance is known to me of a refusal; and the United States, while declining to assent to the proposition which prohibited privateering, declared that the three remaining principles were in entire accordance with their own views of international law.

No instance is known in history of the adoption of rules of public law under circumstances of like solemnity, with like unanimity, and pledging the faith of nations with a sanctity so peculiar.

When, therefore, this Confederacy was formed, and when neutral powers, while deferring action on its demand for admission into the family of nations, recognized it as a belligerent power, Great Britain and France made informal proposals about the same time that their own rights as neutrals should be guaranteed by our acceding, as belligerents, to the declaration of principles made by the Congress of Paris. The request was addressed to our sense of justice, and therefore met immediate favorable response in the resolutions of the Provisional Congress of the 13th August, 1861, by which all the principles announced by the Congress of Paris were adopted as the guide of our conduct during the war, with the sole exception of that relative to privateering. As the right to make use of privateers was one in which neutral nations had, as to the present war, no interest; as it was a right which the United States had refused to abandon and which they remained at liberty to employ against us; as it was a right of which we were already in actual enjoyment, and which we could not be expected to renounce flagrante bello against an adversary possessing an overwhelming superiority of naval forces, it was reserved with entire confidence that neutral nations could not fail to perceive that just reason existed for the reservation. Nor was this confidence misplaced, for the official documents published by the British Government, usually called "Blue Books," contain the expression of the satisfaction of that Government with the conduct of the officials who conducted successfully the delicate business confided to their charge.

These solemn declarations of principle, this implied agreement between the Confederacy and the two powers just named, have been suffered to remain inoperative against the menaces and outrages on neutral rights committed by the United States with unceasing and progressing arrogance during the whole period of the war. Neutral Europe remained passive when the United States, with a naval force insufficient to blockade, effectively, the coast of a single State, proclaimed a paper blockade of thousands of miles of coast, extending from the capes of the Chesapeake to those of Florida, and encircling the Gulf of Mexico from Key West to the mouth of the Rio Grande. Compared with this monstrous pretension of the United States, the blockades known in history under the names of the Berlin and Milan decrees, and the British orders in Council, in the years 1806 and 1807 sink into insignificance! Yet those blockades were justified by the powers that declared them, on the sole ground that they were retaliatory; yet those blockades have since been condemned by the publicists of those very powers as violations of international law; yet those blockades evoked angry remonstrances from neutral powers amongst which the United States were the most conspicuous; yet those blockades became the chief cause of the war between Great Britain and the United States in 1812; yet those blockades were one of the principal motives that led to the declaration of the Congress of Paris in 1856, in the fond hope of imposing an enduring check on the very abuse of maritime

power, which is now renewed by the United States in 1861 and 1862, under circumstances and with features of aggravated wrong without precedent in history.

The records of our State Department contain the evidence of the repeated and formal remonstrances made by this Government to neutral powers against the recognition of this blockade. It has been shown by evidence not capable of contradiction, and which has been furnished in part by the officials of neutral nations, that the few ports of this Confederacy, before which any naval forces at all have been stationed, have been invested so inefficiently that hundreds of entries have been effected into them since the declaration of the blockade; that our enemies have themselves admitted the inefficiency of their blockade in the most forcible manner, by repeated official complaints of the sale, to us, of goods contraband of war, a sale which could not possibly affect their interests if their pretended blockade was sufficient "really to prevent access to our coast;" that they have gone further, and have alleged their inability to render their paper blockade effective as the excuse for the odious barbarity of destroying the entrance to one of our harbors by sinking vessels loaded with stone in the channel; that our commerce with foreign nations has been intercepted, not by the effective investment of our ports, nor by the seizure of ships in the attempt to enter them, but by the capture on the high seas of neutral vessels by the cruisers of our enemies whenever supposed to be bound to any point on our extensive coast, without inquiry whether a single blockading vessel was to be found at such point; that blockading vessels have left the ports at which they were stationed for distant expeditions, have been absent for many days and have returned, without notice either of the cessation or renewal of the blockade; in a word, that every prescription of maritime law and every right of neutral nations to trade with a belligerent under the sanction of principles heretofore universally respected have been systematically and persistently violated by the United States. Neutral Europe has received our remonstrances and has submitted in almost unbroken silence to all the wrongs that the United States have chosen to inflict on its commerce. The Cabinet of Great Britain, however, has not confined itself to such implied acquiescence in these breaches of international law as results from simple inaction, but has, in a published dispatch to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, assumed to make a change in the principle enunciated by the Congress of Paris, to which the faith of the British Government was considered to be pledged, a change too important and too prejudicial to the interests of the Confederacy to be overlooked, and against which I have directed solemn protest to be made, after a vain attempt to obtain satisfactory explanations from the British Government. In a published dispatch from Her Majesty's foreign office, to her minister at Washington, under date of the 11th February, 1862, occurs the following passage:

"Her Majesty's Government, however, are of opinion that, assuming that the blockade was duly notified, and also that a number of ships is stationed and remains at the entrance of a port sufficient really to prevent access to it, *or to create an evident danger of entering it or leaving it*, and that these ships do not voluntarily permit ingress or egress, the fact that various ships may have successfully escaped through it (as in the particular instance here referred to) will not of itself prevent the blockade from being an effectual one by international law."

The words which I have italicised are an addition made by the British Government of its own authority to a principle the exact terms of which were settled by deliberation by the common consent of civilized nations, and by implied convention with this Government, as already explained, and their effect is clearly to reopen to the prejudice of the Confederacy one of the very disputed questions on the law of blockade which the Congress of Paris professed to settle. The importance of this change is readily illustrated by taking one of our ports as an example. There is "evident danger" in entering the port of Wilmington from the presence of a blockading force, and by this test the blockade is effective. "Access is not really prevented" by the blockading fleet to the same port, for steamers are continually arriving and departing, so that tried by this test the blockade is ineffective and invalid. The justice of our complaint on this point is so manifest as to leave little room for doubt that further reflection will induce the British Government to give us such assurances as will efface the painful impressions that would result from its language, if left unexplained.

From the foregoing remarks you will perceive that during nearly two years of struggle, in which every energy of our country has been evoked for maintaining its very existence, the neutral nations of Europe have pursued a policy which, nominally impartial, has been practically most favorable to our enemies and most detrimental to us.

The exercise of the neutral right of refusing entry into their ports to prizes taken by both belligerents was eminently hurtful to the Confederacy. It was sternly asserted and maintained.

The exercise of the neutral right of commerce with a belligerent whose ports are not blockaded by fleets sufficient really to prevent access to them would have been eminently hurtful to the United States. It was complaisantly abandoned.

The duty of neutral States to receive with cordiality and recognize with respect any new confederation that independent States may think proper to form was too clear to admit of denial, but its postponement was eminently beneficial to the United States and detrimental to the Confederacy. It was postponed.

In this review of our relations with the neutral nations of Europe it has been my purpose to point out distinctly that this Government has no complaint to make that those nations declared their neutrality. It could neither expect nor desire more. The complaint is that the neutrality has been rather nominal than real, and that recognized neutral rights have been alternately asserted and waived in such manner as to bear with great severity on us and to confer signal advantages on our enemy.

I have hitherto refrained from calling to your attention this condition of our relations with foreign powers for various reasons. The chief of these was the fear that a statement of our just grounds of complaint against a course of policy so injurious to our interests might be misconstrued into an appeal for aid. Unequal as we were in mere numbers and available resources to our enemies, we were conscious of powers of resistance, in relation to which Europe was incredulous and our remonstrances were therefore peculiarly liable to be misunderstood. Proudly self-reliant, the Confederacy, knowing full well the character of the contest into which it was forced, with full trust in the superior qualities of its population, the superior valor of its soldiers, the superior skill of its generals, and above all in the justice of its cause, felt no need to appeal for the maintenance of its rights to other earthly aids, and it began and has continued this struggle with the calm confidence ever inspired in those who with consciousness of right can invoke the Divine blessing on their cause. This confidence has been so assured that we have never yielded to despondency under defeat, nor do we feel undue elation at the present brighter prospect of successful issue to our contest. It is, therefore, because our just grounds of complaint can no longer be misinterpreted that I lay them clearly before you. It seems to me now proper to give you the information, and although no immediate results may be attained, it is well that truth should be preserved and recorded. It is well that those who are to follow us should understand the full nature and character of the tremendous conflict in which the blood of our people has been poured out like water, and in which they have resisted unaided the shock of hosts which would have sufficed to overthrow many of the powers which by their hesitation in according our rights as an independent nation imply doubt of our ability to maintain our national existence. It may be, too, that in future times unfriendly discussions not now anticipated shall unfortunately arise between this Confederacy and some European power, the recollection of our forbearance under the grievances which I have enumerated may be evoked with happy influence in preventing any serious disturbance of peaceful relations.

It would not be proper to close my remarks on the subject of our foreign relations without adverting to the fact that the correspondence between the cabinets of France, Great Britain, and Russia, recently published, indicates a gratifying advance in the appreciation by those Governments of the true interests of mankind as involved in the war on this continent. It is to the enlightened ruler of the French nation that the public feeling of Europe is indebted for the first official exhibition of its sympathy for the sufferings endured by this people with so much heroism, of its horror at the awful carnage with which the progress of the war has been marked, and of its desire for a speedy peace. The clear and direct intimation contained in the language of the French note, that our ability to maintain our independence has been fully established, was not controverted by the answer of either of the cabinets to which it was addressed. It is indeed difficult to conceive a just ground for a longer delay on this subject after reading the following statement of facts contained in the letter emanating from the minister of his Imperial Majesty: "There has been established, from the very beginning of this war, an equilibrium of forces between the belligerents, which has since been almost constantly maintained, and, after the spilling of so much blood, they are to-day, in this respect, in a situation which has not sensibly changed. Nothing authorizes the provision that more decisive military operations will shortly occur. According to the last advices received in Europe, the two armies were, on the contrary, in a condition which permitted neither to hope, within a short delay, advantages sufficiently marked to turn the balance definitely and to accelerate the conclusion of peace." As this Government has never professed the intention of conquering the United States, but has simply asserted its ability to defend itself against being conquered by that power, we may safely conclude that the claims of this Confederacy to its just place in the family of nations can not long be withheld, after so

frank and formal an admission of its capacity to cope, on equal terms, with its aggressive foes, and to maintain itself against their attempts to obtain decisive results by arms.

It is my painful duty again to inform you of the renewed examples of every conceivable atrocity committed by the armed forces of the United States at different points within the Confederacy, and which must stamp indelible infamy not only on the perpetrators, but on their superiors, who, having the power to check these outrages on humanity, numerous and well authenticated as they have been, have not yet, in a single instance of which I am aware, inflicted punishment on the wrongdoers. Since my last communication to you one General McNeil murdered seven prisoners of war in cold blood, and the demand for his punishment has remained unsatisfied. The Government of the United States, after promising examination and explanation in relation to the charges made against Gen. Benjamin F. Butler, has, by its subsequent silence, after repeated efforts on my part to obtain some answer on the subject, not only admitted his guilt, but sanctioned it by acquiescence, and I have accordingly branded this criminal as an outlaw and directed his execution in expiation of his crimes if he should fall into the hands of any of our forces. Recently I have received apparently authentic intelligence of another general by the name of Milroy, who has issued orders in western Virginia for the payment of money to him by the inhabitants, accompanied by the most savage threats of shooting every recusant, besides burning his house, and threatening similar atrocities against any of our citizens who shall fail to betray their country by giving him prompt notice of the approach of any of our forces, and this subject has also been submitted to the superior military authorities of the United States, with but faint hope that they will evince any disapprobation of the act. Humanity shudders at the appalling atrocities which are being daily multiplied under the sanction of those who have obtained temporary possession of power in the United States and who are fast making its once fair name a by-word of reproach among civilized men. Not even the natural indignation inspired by this conduct should make us, however, so unjust as to attribute to the whole mass of the people who are subjected to the despotism that now reigns with unbridled license in the city of Washington a willing acquiescence in its conduct of the war. There must necessarily exist among our enemies very many, perhaps a majority, whose humanity recoils from all participation in such atrocities, but who can not be held wholly guiltless while permitting their continuance without an effort at repression.

The public journals of the North have been received, containing a proclamation dated on the first day of the present month, signed by the President of the United States, in which he orders and declares all slaves within ten of the States of the Confederacy to be free, except such as are found within certain districts now occupied in part by the armed forces of the enemy.

We may well leave it to the instincts of that common humanity which a beneficent Creator has implanted in the breasts of our fellow-men of all countries to pass judgment on a measure by which several millions of human beings of an inferior race, peaceful and contented laborers in their sphere, are doomed to extermination, while at the same time they are encouraged to a general assassination of their masters by the insidious recommendation "to abstain from violence unless in necessary self-defense." Our own detestation of those who have attempted the most execrable measure recorded in the history of guilty man is tempered by profound contempt for the impotent rage which it discloses. So far as regards the action of this Government on such criminals as may attempt its execution, I confine myself to informing you that I shall, unless in your wisdom you deem some other course more expedient, deliver to the several State authorities all commissioned officers of the United States that may hereafter be captured by our forces in any of the States embraced in the proclamation, that they may be dealt with in accordance with the laws of those States providing for the punishment of criminals engaged in exciting servile insurrection. The enlisted soldiers I shall continue to treat as unwilling instruments in the commission of these crimes, and shall direct their discharge and return to their homes on the proper and usual parole.

In its political aspect this measure possesses great significance, and to it in this light I invite your attention. It affords to our whole people the complete and crowning proof of the true nature of the designs of the party which elevated to power the present occupant of the Presidential chair at Washington, and which sought to conceal its purposes by every variety of artful device, and by the perfidious use of the most solemn and repeated pledges on every possible occasion. I extract, in this connection, as a single example, the following declaration made by President Lincoln, under the solemnity of his oath as Chief Magistrate of the United States, on the 4th of March, 1861:

"Apprehension seems to exist among the people of the Southern States that by the accession of a Republican Administration their property and their peace and personal security are to be endangered. There has never been any reasonable cause for such apprehensions. Indeed, the most ample evidence to the contrary has all the while existed and been open to their inspection. It is found in nearly all the published speeches of him who now addresses you. I do but quote from one of those speeches when I declare that I have no purpose, directly or indirectly, to interfere with the institution of slavery in the States where it exists. I believe I have no lawful right to do so; and I have no inclination to do so. Those who nominated and elected me did so with full knowledge that I had made this and many similar declarations, and had never recanted them. And, more than this, they placed in the platform for my acceptance, and as a law to themselves and to me, the clear and emphatic resolution which I now read:

"*Resolved*, That the maintenance inviolate of the rights of the States, and especially the right of each State to order and control its own domestic institutions according to its own judgment exclusively, is essential to that balance of powers on which the perfection and endurance of our political fabric depend; and we denounce the lawless invasion by armed force of the soil of any State or Territory, no matter under what pretext, as among the gravest crimes."

Nor was this declaration of the want of power or disposition to interfere with our social system confined to a state of peace. Both before and after the actual commencement of hostilities the President of the United States repeated in formal official communication to the cabinets of Great Britain and France that he was utterly without constitutional power to do the act which he has just committed, and that in no possible event, whether the secession of these States resulted in the establishment of a separate Confederacy or in the restoration of the Union, was there any authority by virtue of which he could either restore a disaffected State to the Union by force of arms or make any change in any of its institutions. I refer especially for verification of this assertion to the dispatches addressed by the Secretary of State of the United States under direction of the President to the ministers of the United States at London and Paris, under date of 10th and 22d April, 1861.

The people of this Confederacy, then, can not fail to receive this proclamation as the fullest vindication of their own sagacity in foreseeing the uses to which the dominant party in the United States intended from the beginning to apply their power, nor can they cease to remember, with devout thankfulness, that it is to their own vigilance in resisting the first stealthy progress of approaching despotism that they owe their escape from consequences now apparent to the most skeptical. This proclamation will have another salutary effect in calming the fears of those who have constantly evinced the apprehension that this war might end by some reconstruction of the old Union or some renewal of close political relations with the United States. These fears have never been shared by me, nor have I ever been able to perceive on what basis they could rest. But the proclamation affords the fullest guarantee of the impossibility of such a result; it has established a state of things which can lead to but one of three possible consequences—the extermination of the slaves, the exile of the whole white population from the Confederacy, or absolute and total separation of these States from the United States.

This proclamation is also an authentic statement by the Government of the United States of its inability to subjugate the South by force of arms, and as such must be accepted by neutral nations, which can no longer find any justification in withholding our just claims to formal recognition. It is also in effect an intimation to the people of the North that they must prepare to submit to a separation, now become inevitable, for that people are too acute not to understand that a restoration of the Union has been rendered forever impossible by the adoption of a measure which, from its very nature, neither admits of retraction nor can coexist with union.

Among the subjects to which your attention will be specially devoted during the present session, you will no doubt deem the adoption of some comprehensive system of finance as being of paramount importance. The increasing public debt, the great augmentation in the volume of the currency with its necessary concomitant extravagant prices for all articles of consumption, the want of revenue from a taxation adequate to support the public credit, all unite in admonishing us that energetic and wise legislation alone can prevent serious embarrassment in our monetary affairs. It is my conviction that the people of the Confederacy will freely meet taxation on a scale adequate to the maintenance of the public credit and the support of their Government. When each family is sending forth its most precious ones to meet exposure in camp and death in battle, what ground can there be to doubt the disposition to devote a tithe of its income, and more, if more be necessary, to provide the Government with means for insuring the comfort of its defenders? If our enemies submit

to an excise on every commodity they produce and to the daily presence of the tax-gatherer, with no higher motive than the hope of success in their wicked designs against us, the suggestion of an unwillingness on the part of this people to submit to the taxation necessary for the success of their defense is an imputation on their patriotism that few will be disposed to make and that none can justify.

The legislation of your last session intended to hasten the funding of outstanding Treasury notes has proved beneficial, as shown by the returns annexed to the report of the Secretary of the Treasury. But it was neither sufficiently prompt nor far-reaching to meet the full extent of the evil. The passage of some enactment, carrying still further the policy of that law by fixing a limitation not later than the 1st July next to the delay allowed for funding the notes issued prior to the 1st December, 1862, will, in the opinion of the Secretary, have the effect to withdraw from circulation nearly the entire sum issued previous to the last-named date. If to this be added a revenue from adequate taxation and a negotiation of bonds guaranteed proportionately by the several States, as has already been generously proposed by some of them in enactments spontaneously adopted, there is little doubt that we shall see our finances restored to a sound and satisfactory condition, our circulation relieved of the redundancy now productive of so many mischiefs, and our credit placed on such a basis as to relieve us from further anxiety relative to our resources for the prosecution of the war.

It is true that at its close our debt will be large; but it will be due to our own people, and neither the interest nor the capital will be exported to distant countries, impoverishing ours for their benefit. On the return of peace the untold wealth which will spring from our soil will render the burthen of taxation far less onerous than is now supposed, especially if we take into consideration that we shall then be free from the large and steady drain of our substance to which we were subjected in the late Union through the instrumentality of sectional legislation and protective tariffs.

I recommend to your earnest attention the whole report of the Secretary of the Treasury on this important subject, and trust that your legislation on it will be delayed no longer than may be required to enable your wisdom to devise the proper measures for insuring the accomplishment of the objects proposed.

The operations of the War Department have been in the main satisfactory. In the report of the Secretary, herewith submitted, will be found a summary of many memorable successes. They are with justice ascribed, in large measure, to the reorganization and reinforcement of our armies under the operation of the enactments for conscription. The wisdom and efficacy of these acts have been approved by results, and the like spirit of unity, endurance, and self-devotion in the people, which has hitherto sustained their action, must be relied on to assure their enforcement under the continuing necessities of our situation. The recommendations of the Secretary to this effect are tempered by suggestions for their amelioration, and the subject well deserves the consideration of Congress. For the perfection of our military organization no appropriate means should be rejected, and on this subject the opinions of the Secretary merit early attention. It is gratifying to perceive that, under all the efforts and sacrifices of war, the power, means, and resources of the Confederacy for its successful prosecution are increasing. Dependence on foreign supplies is to be deplored, and should, as far as practicable, be obviated by the development and employment of internal resources. The peculiar circumstances of the country, however, render this difficult and require extraordinary encouragements and facilities to be granted by the Government. The embarrassments resulting from the limited capacity of the railroads to afford transportation, and the impossibility of otherwise commanding and distributing the necessary supplies for the armies, render the control of the roads under some general supervision, and resort to the power of impressment, military exigencies. While such powers have to be exercised they should be guarded by judicious provisions against perversion or abuse, and be, as recommended by the Secretary, under due regulation of law.

I specially recommend in this connection some revision of the exemption law of last session. Serious complaints have reached me of the inequality of its operation from eminent and patriotic citizens, whose opinions merit great consideration, and I trust that some means will be devised for leaving at home a sufficient local police without making discriminations, always to be deprecated, between different classes of our citizens.

Our relations with the Indians generally continue to be friendly. A portion of the Cherokee people have assumed an attitude hostile to the Confederate Government; but it is gratifying to be able to state that the mass of intelligence and worth in that nation have remained true and loyal to their treaty engagements. With this exception, there have been no important instances of disaffection among any of the

friendly nations and tribes. Dissatisfaction recently manifested itself among certain portions of them; but this resulted from a misapprehension of the intentions of the Government in their behalf. This has been removed and no further difficulty is anticipated.

The report of the Secretary of the Navy, herewith transmitted, exhibits the progress made in this branch of the public service since your adjournment, as well as its present condition. The details embraced in it are of such a nature as to render it, in my opinion, incompatible with the public interests that they should be published with this message. I therefore confine myself to inviting your attention to the information therein contained.

The report of the Postmaster-General shows that during the first postal year under our Government, terminating on the 30th June last, our revenues were in excess of those received by the former Government in its last postal year, while the expenses were greatly decreased. There is still, however, a considerable deficit in the revenues of the Department as compared with its expenses, and although the grants already made from the General Treasury will suffice to cover all liabilities to the close of the fiscal year ending on the 30th June next, I recommend some legislation, if any can be constitutionally devised, for aiding the revenues of that Department during the ensuing fiscal year, in order to avoid too great a reduction of postal facilities. Your attention is also invited to numerous other improvements in the service recommended in the report, and for which legislation is required.

I recommend to the Congress to devise a proper mode of relief to those of our citizens whose property has been destroyed by order of the Government in pursuance of a policy adopted as a means of national defense. It is true that full indemnity can not now be made, but some measure of relief is due to those patriotic citizens who have borne private loss for the public good, whose property in effect has been taken for public use, though not directly appropriated.

Our Government, born of the spirit of freedom and of the equality and independence of the States, could not have survived a selfish or jealous disposition, making each only careful of its own interest or safety. The fate of the Confederacy under the blessing of Divine Providence depends upon the harmony, energy, and unity of the States. It especially devolves on you, their representatives, as far as practicable, to reform abuses, to correct errors, to cultivate fraternity, and to sustain in the people a just confidence in the Government of their choice. To that confidence, and to the unity and self-sacrificing patriotism hitherto displayed, is due the success which has marked the unequal contest, and has brought our country into a condition at the present time such as the most sanguine would not have ventured to predict at the commencement of our struggle. Our armies are larger, better disciplined, and more thoroughly armed and equipped than at any previous period of the war. The energies of a whole nation, devoted to the single object of success in this war, have accomplished marvels, and many of our trials have, by a beneficent Providence, been converted into blessings. The magnitude of the perils which we encountered have developed the true qualities and illustrated the heroic character of our people, thus gaining for the Confederacy from its birth a just appreciation from the other nations of the earth. The injuries resulting from the interruption of foreign commerce have received compensation by the development of our internal resources. Cannon crown our fortresses that were cast from the products of mines opened and furnaces built during the war. Our mountain caves yield much of the niter for the manufacture of powder, and promise increase of product. From our own foundries and laboratories, from our own armories and workshops, we derive, in a great measure, the warlike material, the ordnance and ordnance stores which are expended so profusely in the numerous and desperate engagements that rapidly succeed each other. Cotton and woolen fabrics, shoes and harness, wagons and gun carriages are produced in daily increasing quantities by the factories springing into existence. Our fields, no longer whitened by cotton that can not be exported, are devoted to the production of cereals and the growth of stock, formerly purchased with the proceeds of cotton. In the homes of our noble and devoted women, without whose sublime sacrifices our success would have been impossible, the noise of the loom and of the spinning wheel may be heard throughout the land. With hearts swelling with gratitude let us then join in returning thanks to God and in beseeching the continuance of his protecting care over our cause and the restoration of peace with its manifold blessings to our beloved country.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, *January 12, 1863.*

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Clay, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That 600 copies be printed for the use of the Senate.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate the report of the Secretary of the Navy.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That it be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate the report of the Secretary of War.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate the report of the Postmaster-General.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate the report of the Secretary of the Treasury.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate the report of the Attorney-General.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That so much of the President's message as relates to military affairs be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; that so much as relates to naval affairs be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs; that so much as relates to the finances be referred to the Committee on Finance; that so much as relates to postal affairs be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, and that so much as relates to foreign affairs be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Dortch submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate to the Senate, if not incompatible with the public interests, the reports of Major-General G. W. Smith and his subordinate officers of recent military operations in North Carolina.

Mr. Hill presented the memorial of W. T. Park, M. D., praying for a change in the Medical Department of the Army; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Hill presented a design for a Confederate States flag; which was referred to the Committee on Flag and Seal.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That the daily hour of meeting of the Senate be at 12 o'clock m. until otherwise ordered.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The report of the Secretary of the Navy having been read,

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.
On motion by Mr. Clay,
The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

The Hon. A. G. Brown, of the State of Mississippi, and the Hon. William E. Simms, of the State of Kentucky, severally attended.

Mr. Barnwell (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 1) to authorize the appointment of assistants to the Register in signing bonds and certificates;
which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hunter announced to the Senate the decease of the Hon. William Ballard Preston, and submitted the following resolution; which was considered and unanimously agreed to:

Resolved, That the Senate deeply laments the recent death of the Honorable William Ballard Preston, who at the time of his decease was a member of this body from the State of Virginia, and tenders to his widow a sincere sympathy in this most afflictive bereavement.

Ordered, That the Secretary communicate a copy of the foregoing resolution to the family of the deceased; and further, that he communicate these proceedings to the House of Representatives.

On motion by Mr. Hunter,
The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

The President pro tempore read to the Senate a telegram from the Hon. James L. Orr, stating that he was detained from his seat by indisposition.

Mr. Sparrow submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the act entitled "An act to exempt certain persons from military duty, and to repeal an act entitled 'An act to exempt certain persons from enrollment for service in the Army of the Confederate States,' approved twenty-first April, eighteen hundred and sixty-two," as follows:

First. By confining the exemptions of persons allowed for the police of slaves to those cases only where the sole owner of the farm or plantation is a feme sole, a minor, a person of unsound mind, or a person in the public service absent from home in the discharge of his duties.

Second. By still further restricting the exemption of persons engaged in the merchant marine service, and in the employment of railroad, telegraphic, and canal companies, and also river navigation.

Third. By repealing so much of said act as exempts shoemakers, tanners, blacksmiths, and wagonmakers, or modifying the same so as to make their exemption depend upon the discretion of the military authorities in view of the public necessities, and upon their giving their labor or its products for a fair consideration.

Fourth. By repealing so much of said act as exempts artisans, mechanics, and employees in the Government establishments engaged in manufacturing arms, ordnance and ordnance stores, and other munitions of war, or who may be employed by persons having contracts with the Government for the manufacture of these articles, and providing that persons skilled in such work may be detailed therefor.

Fifth. That no person engaged in the production or manufacture of salt shall for that reason be exempt when the price for which said salt is sold shall exceed six cents per pound.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That it be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the report of the Superintendent of Public Printing, referred to that committee in the report of the Attorney-General, and that it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Henry (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 2) to modify the act entitled "An act to exempt certain persons from military duty, and to repeal an act entitled 'An act to exempt certain persons from enrollment for service in the Army of the Confederate States,' approved twenty-first April, eighteen hundred and sixty-two;"

which was read the first and second times; and

On motion by Mr. Henry,

Ordered, That it be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

Mr. Clay presented two designs for a flag for the Confederate States; which were referred to the Committee on Flag and Seal.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That a committee, consisting of five members, be appointed to organize and report the regular standing committees of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That the committee be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Barnwell, Mr. Wigfall, Mr. Yancey, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Burnett were appointed.

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

Ordered, That he be excused from serving on said committee; and Mr. Davis was appointed in his stead.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

The Hon. Landon C. Haynes, from the State of Tennessee; the Hon. Charles B. Mitchel, from the State of Arkansas, and the Hon. James L. Orr, from the State of South Carolina, severally attended.

Mr. Hill presented the credentials of the Hon. Herschel V. Johnson, elected a Senator by the legislature of the State of Georgia, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the nonacceptance of the Hon. Robert Toombs; which were read, and the oath prescribed by the Constitution was administered to Mr. Johnson, and he took his seat in the Senate.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Commissioner of Patents, showing a list of patents granted during the year 1862.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Mitchel presented the credentials of the Hon. Robert W. Johnson, elected a Senator by the legislature of the State of Arkansas for the term of six years from the 18th day of February, 1864; which were read.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, from the special committee appointed to organize and report the regular standing committees of the Senate,

Ordered, That the following standing committees be appointed:

A Committee on Foreign Affairs, consisting of Mr. Orr (chairman), Mr. Yancey, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Wigfall, and Mr. Maxwell;

A Committee on Finance, consisting of Mr. Barnwell (chairman), Mr. Hunter, Mr. Davis, Mr. Semmes, and Mr. Johnson of Georgia;

A Committee on Commerce, consisting of Mr. Clay (chairman), Mr. Dortch, Mr. Oldham, Mr. Peyton, and Mr. Baker;

A Committee on Military Affairs, consisting of Mr. Sparrow (chairman), Mr. Wigfall, Mr. Henry, Mr. Clay, and Mr. Burnett;

A Committee on Naval Affairs, consisting of Mr. Brown (chairman), Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Simms, Mr. Yancey, and Mr. Johnson of Georgia;

A Committee on the Judiciary, consisting of Mr. Hill (chairman), Mr. Haynes, Mr. Phelan, Mr. Semmes, and Mr. Caperton;

A Committee on Indian Affairs, consisting of Mr. Johnson of Arkansas (chairman), Mr. Oldham, Mr. Clark, Mr. Simms, and Mr. Phelan;

A Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, consisting of Mr. Oldham (chairman), Mr. Mitchel, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Peyton, and Mr. Baker;

A Committee on Public Lands, consisting of Mr. Clark (chairman), Mr. Baker, and Mr. Yancey;

A Committee on Patents, consisting of Mr. Maxwell (chairman), Mr. Haynes, and Mr. Hill;

A Committee on Claims, consisting of Mr. Davis (chairman), Mr. Burnett, and Mr. Peyton;

A Committee on Territories, consisting of Mr. Wigfall (chairman), Mr. Brown, and Mr. Clark;

A Committee on Accounts, consisting of Mr. Mitchel (chairman), Mr. Dortch, and Mr. Simms;

A Committee on Printing, consisting of Mr. Phelan (chairman), Mr. Hill, and Mr. Haynes; and

A Committee on Engrossment and Enrollment, consisting of Mr. Dortch (chairman), Mr. Maxwell, and Mr. Caperton.

Mr. Hill (by leave) introduced a bill (S. 3) to organize the Supreme Court of the Confederate States; which was read the first and second times; and

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Simms submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President be respectfully requested to communicate to the Senate, if not incompatible with the public interests, whether the military authorities in the cities of Petersburg and Lynchburg, Virginia, have been authorized to seize and impress for public use flour, and other articles of value, the property of private citizens of these Confederate States, and whether or not such seizure and impressments have been made by the said military authorities in said cities.

Mr. Simms submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the right of protection to life, liberty, and property is the right inviolable of every citizen of the Confederate States, and that this right is made sacred by the highest guarantees of the Constitution, and that neither Congress nor the Executive, nor any officer or agent of any of the Departments of this Government have power, in any manner or under any pretense whatsoever, to impair, interfere with, or destroy this inherent and inviolable right.

Second. That the right to hold and possess property is a right guaranteed to every citizen of the Confederate States by the Constitution thereof, and the right to defend the same and his domicile from unlawful invasion, seizure, or conversion shall not be impaired or questioned, and that all seizures or impressments of any such property, by any officer or agent of this Government, are in violation of the plainest provisions of the Constitution, are destructive of the most sacred rights of the citizen, and an unwarranted breach of the plighted faith of the Government to the citizens thereof, and are therefore void.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and

On motion by Mr. Simms,

Ordered, That it be laid upon the table and printed.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1) to authorize the appointment of assistants to the Register in signing bonds and certificates, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to consider the bill last mentioned; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the President pro tempore appoint a member to fill the vacancy in the Committee on Flag and Seal occasioned by the death of the Hon. William Ballard Preston; and

Mr. Wigfall was appointed.

The President pro tempore appointed Edwin D. Starke as page to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., January 15, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering certain estimates.

I recommend that an appropriation be made of the amount and for the purpose specified.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., January 15, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of the Navy, forwarding copies of a naval register asked for by the Senate in a resolution adopted September 22, 1862.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Sparrow on the 16th instant, instructing the Committee on Military Affairs to inquire into the expediency of amending the act entitled "An act to exempt certain persons from military duty, and to repeal an act entitled 'An act to exempt certain persons from enrollment for service in the Army of the Confederate States,' approved twenty-first April, eighteen hundred and sixty-two;" and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., January 15, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury in reference to a matter which I commend to your special attention and early decision, in executive session.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., January 19, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, covering copies of the reports of Maj. Gen. G. W. Smith and his subordinates of recent military operations in North Carolina, in response to a resolution of the Senate of the 14th instant.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, January 15, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I hereby nominate James A. Seddon, to be Secretary of War, in place of George W. Randolph, resigned.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of James A. Seddon, to be Secretary of War; and it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of James A. Seddon, to be Secretary of War, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting resolutions of the States of Alabama and South Carolina in relation to a guaranty of the war debt; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury in relation to certain coin taken from the Bank of Louisiana.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Yancey, agreeably to previous notice, submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the thirty-first rule of the Senate be amended to read as follows, viz: The following standing committees shall be appointed at the beginning of each Congress, with leave to report by bill or otherwise:

- A Committee on Foreign Relations, to consist of five members;
- A Committee on Finance, to consist of five members;
- A Committee on Commerce, to consist of five members;
- A Committee on Military Affairs and Militia, to consist of five members;
- A Committee on Naval Affairs, to consist of five members;
- A Committee on the Judiciary, to consist of five members;
- A Committee on Indian Affairs, to consist of five members;
- A Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to consist of five members;
- A Committee on Public Lands, to consist of three members;
- A Committee on Patents and Patent Office, to consist of three members;
- A Committee on Claims, to consist of three members;
- A Committee on Territories, to consist of three members;
- A Committee on Accounts, to consist of three members, to whom shall be referred all resolutions directing the payment of money out of the contingent fund of the Senate, or creating a charge on the same;
- A Committee on Printing, to consist of three members; and
- A Committee on Engrossment and Enrollment, to consist of three members.

Mr. Yancey (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 4) to regulate the action of the Secretary of the Navy upon the decisions of naval general courts-martial; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Hill, agreeably to previous notice, submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved (the House of Representatives concurring), That rule numbered sixteen of the "Joint rules and orders of the two Houses of the Confederate Congress," providing that "after the commencement of the second or subsequent session of Congress, bills, resolutions, or reports which originated in either House, and at the close of the next preceding session remained undetermined in either House, may be resumed, on motion, and acted on in the same manner as if an adjournment had not taken place," be, and the same is, rescinded.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the resolution.

Mr. Hill (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 5) to establish the court for the investigation of claims against the Government of the Confederate States; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of War, transmitting a copy of the report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Dortch (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 1) for the relief of Capt. John F. Divire; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 6) to grant the principal officer of each of the Executive Departments a seat upon the floor of Congress; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 7) to place hospitals under military control; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Richmond, January 20, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I have the honor to request that my message sent to the Senate at the opening of the session may be returned to me to change a word which is an error.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to return the message of the President, agreeably to his request.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Sparrow on the 16th instant, instructing the Committee on Military Affairs to inquire into the expediency of amending the act entitled "An act to exempt certain persons from military duty, and to repeal an act entitled 'An act to exempt certain persons from enrollment for service in the Army of the Confederate States,' approved twenty-first April, eighteen hundred and sixty-two;" and

The resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 2) to modify the act entitled "An act to exempt certain persons from military duty, and to repeal an act entitled 'An act to exempt certain persons from enrollment for service in the Army of the Confederate States,' approved twenty-first April, eighteen hundred and sixty-two;" and

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *January 17, 1863.*

To the President of the Senate of the Confederate States:

I nominate the persons named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, January 17, 1863.

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Marine Corps:

Second lieutenants.

Nathaniel E. Venable, of Texas; Henry L. Graves, of Georgia; Henry M. Doak, of Tennessee.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

To the President of the Senate of the Confederate States:

I nominate the persons named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, *January 17, 1863.*

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, January 17, 1863.

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Navy:

Commander.

Charles F. M. Spotswood, of Virginia, a first lieutenant in the Navy, to be promoted to fill an existing vacancy, and to rank from the 25th of August, 1862, next after Commander J. W. Cooke.

First lieutenant.

Samuel W. Averett, of Virginia, a second lieutenant in the Navy, vice First Lieutenant Spotswood, promoted, to rank next after First Lieut. Wilburn B. Hall.

Second lieutenant.

Julian M. Spencer, of Maryland, a lieutenant in the Navy for the war, vice Second Lieutenant Averett, promoted.

Lieutenants for the war.

James L. Johnson, of Mississippi, and Sidney Smith Lee, jr., of Virginia, acting masters in the Navy.

Paymaster.

James O. Moore, of North Carolina, an assistant paymaster in the Navy, to be promoted to fill an existing vacancy.

Assistant paymasters for the war.

W. M. Briscoe, of Missouri; Wilson G. Richardson, of Mississippi; J. Calhoun Moses, of South Carolina; Adam Tredwell, of North Carolina; Edward McKean, of Louisiana; Dewitt C. Seymour, of Georgia.

Passed assistant surgeons.

Charles E. Lining, of South Carolina; Marcellus P. Christian, of Virginia; Robert J. Freeman, of Virginia; Bennett W. Green, of Virginia; James W. Herty, of Georgia; Joseph D. Grafton, of Arkansas, assistant surgeons in the Navy, to be promoted.

Assistant surgeons for the war.

John De Bree, jr., of Virginia; N. C. Edmunds, of Virginia; N. M. Read, of Maryland; S. S. Herrick, of Mississippi; John Leyburn, of Texas; Robert C. Powell, of Kentucky.

Naval constructor.

Joseph Pierce, of Virginia.

Naval storekeepers.

David R. Lindsay, of Alabama; James E. Godfrey, of Georgia; James A. Duffus, of South Carolina.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Phelan submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That hereafter the Senate will assemble at eleven o'clock antemeridian and adjourn at three o'clock postmeridian, each day.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said resolution; and

The resolution was not agreed to.

Mr. Phelan submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That hereafter the Senate will adjourn at three o'clock postmeridian, each day, until otherwise ordered.

The Senate, by unanimous consent, proceeded to consider the said resolution; and

The resolution was not agreed to.

Mr. Phelan submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That hereafter the Senate shall assemble at eleven o'clock antemeridian and adjourn at two o'clock postmeridian, and reassemble again at half past three o'clock postmeridian, each day.

The Senate, by unanimous consent, proceeded to consider the said resolution; and

The resolution was not agreed to.

Mr. Clark submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That the vote on agreeing to the report of the special committee appointed to organize and report the standing committees of the Senate be reconsidered.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 8) to provide and organize engineer troops to serve during the war;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of W. T. Park, M. D., praying for a change in the Medical Department of the Army.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dixon, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 1. An act to amend an act recognizing the existence of war between the United States and the Confederate States, and concerning letters of marque, prizes, and prize goods; and

H. R. 2. An act to authorize a foreign loan.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the message of the President in relation to the subject, reported

A bill (S. 9) to authorize a foreign loan; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The bill (H. R. 1) to amend an act recognizing the existence of war between the United States and the Confederate States, and concerning letters of marque, prizes, and prize goods, communicated this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The bill (H. R. 2) to authorize a foreign loan, communicated this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 7) to place hospitals under military control, reported it with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the bill and amendment be printed.

On motion by Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

Ordered, That the report of the Attorney-General be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Phelan (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 10) in relation to substitutes; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., January 21, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith return my message sent to you on the 14th instant, calling your attention to the twelfth line on the seventh page, where I have substituted the word "sovereign" for "seven," as it previously stood, incorrectly written.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 9) to authorize a foreign loan.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the bill by inserting after the word "bonds," section 1, line 14, the words

at places in the Confederate States of America where it may be held by the Government of the Confederate States of America at the time of the demand made for cotton by said bondholders, and at the current value of the same at said time and place,

It was determined in the negative, {	Yeas-----	1
	Nays-----	17

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Mr. Yancey voted in the affirmative.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Clay, Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Mitchel, Orr, Phelan, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting:

That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to negotiate, in some foreign country, the bonds of the Confederate States, not exceeding fifty millions of dollars,

bearing interest at the rate of seven per cent, and redeemable in gold or cotton, on such terms as may seem to him most consistent with the interests of the country,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ----- 6
Nays ----- 12

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Clay, Henry, Maxwell, Mitchel, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Hill, Hunter, Johnson
of Georgia, Orr, Phelan, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House
of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Hunter (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 11) to provide for the further issue of Treasury notes, and
for other purposes;
which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee
on Finance.

Mr. Yancey, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was
referred the bill (S. 4) to regulate the action of the Secretary of the
Navy upon the decisions of naval general courts-martial, reported it
with an amendment.

On motion of Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the bill and amendment be printed.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of War be printed for the
use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Haynes, that 500 additional copies of the report
be printed,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 12) to provide for conscribing seamen and ordinary seamen;
which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee
on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law to pay the coupons of interest on all bonds, except those issued for the fifteen million loan, in cotton, delivered at one of the ports of Charleston, Savannah, Mobile, or New Orleans, within ninety days after the ratification of a treaty of peace with the United States, upon the basis of twelve cents per pound for Orleans middling, and allowing interest on said coupons from the time they are payable, at the rate of six per cent per annum, when said coupons are presented in sums of five hundred dollars or over.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Phelan (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 13) in relation to the public printing;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Yancey submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire and report upon the expediency of amending the laws relative to payment for the loss of horses of officers in the Army so as to provide for the payment for all horses of officers, noncommissioned officers, and privates which may be lost, captured, or destroyed while said officer, noncommissioned officer, or private is engaged in the execution of orders; and that the standard of value of said horses shall be the value at the time of said loss or destruction, the evidence of said value relating to a period immediately preceding or following said loss or destruction.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 20th instant) the nominations of Nathaniel E. Venable, Henry L. Graves, Henry M. Doak, to be second lieutenants, reported, with the recommendation that said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of Nathaniel E. Venable, Henry L. Graves, and Henry M. Doak as second lieutenants, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

The Hon. Robert W. Johnson, from the State of Arkansas, attended.

Mr. Yancey submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire and report whether an officer of the Army of the United States, acting under the authority of that Government, can be made liable to punishment as a criminal for violation of the criminal laws of a State by a State tribunal when turned over to State authorities by order of the President.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 3. An act to repeal certain clauses of an act entitled "An act to exempt certain persons from military service," etc., approved October 11, 1862; and

H. R. 4. An act making appropriations to meet the increase of pay authorized by the act of Congress entitled "An act to increase the pay of certain officers and employees in the executive and legislative departments," approved October 13, 1862.

Mr. Baker (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 14) to authorize newspapers to be mailed to soldiers free of postage;
which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Sparrow submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the propriety and expediency of building a railroad or a plank road from Clinton, in the parish of East Feliciana, Louisiana, to intersect the New Orleans and Jackson Railroad at the most eligible point, so as to complete the connection between Jackson, Mississippi, and Port Hudson, Louisiana, or of aiding such company or companies as may be willing to undertake said work under stipulations and upon conditions to be prescribed by the President; and that the committee report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Brown (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 15) for the reorganization of the Navy of the Confederate States, to establish and equalize the grade of officers, and for other purposes;
which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Orr presented the petition of James Dunbar and others, praying the establishment of a mail route; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 8) to provide and organize engineer troops to serve during the war, reported it with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the bill and amendment be printed.

The bills this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 3 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and that the bill numbered 4 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Clay presented the credentials of the Hon. Allen T. Caperton, elected a Senator by the general assembly of the State of Virginia to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Hon. William Ballard Preston; which were read, and the oath prescribed by the Constitution was administered to Mr. Caperton, and he took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4) making appropriations to meet the increase of pay authorized by the act of Congress entitled "An act to increase the pay of certain officers and employees in the executive and legislative departments," approved October 13, 1862, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 7) to place hospitals under military control.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Mr. Phelan submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to request the reporters of the public journals not to publish the resolution offered to the Senate this day, in relation to the right of the President to turn over to the respective States of this Confederacy officers of the United States taken prisoners by our forces for offenses against the criminal laws of said States.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the resolution by striking out all after the word "*Resolved*" and inserting:

That the resolution adopted this day by the Senate, in open session, directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into and report their opinion whether an officer of the Army of the United States acting under the authority of that Government can be made liable to punishment as a criminal for violation of the criminal laws of a State, etc., be transferred to the Journal of the Secret Legislative Session of the Senate,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the resolution as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., January 24, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I have the honor to request that you will return my message submitting certain naval nominations, dated the 17th instant.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That the President's message of the 17th instant be returned, agreeably to his request.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., January 22, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I hereby nominate Josiah C. Orr, to be postmaster at Athens, Ga., his commission to be dated from the 10th of October, 1862. This nomination was made during the last session of Congress, and I am not informed that any action was taken upon it.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of Josiah C. Orr, to be postmaster at Athens, Ga.; and it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of Josiah C. Orr, to be postmaster at Athens, Ga., agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, January 26, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I hereby nominate Lieut. John Taylor Wood, of the Navy, to be aid-de-camp on my staff, with the rank, pay, etc., of a colonel of cavalry, in place of Col. Joseph R. Davis, resigned.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, January 23, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, January 22, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Major-generals.

Brig. Gen. Isaac R. Trimble, to be major-general, Maryland; Brig. Gen. Jubal A. Early, to be major-general, Virginia; Brig. Gen. Joseph Wheeler, to be major-general, Georgia.

Brigadier-generals.

Col. Robert F. Hoke, to be brigadier-general, North Carolina; Col. H. L. Benning, to be brigadier-general, Georgia; Col. W. T. Wofford, to be brigadier-general, Georgia; Col. Samuel McGowan, to be brigadier-general, South Carolina; Col. M. A. Stovall, to be brigadier-general, Georgia; Col. George B. Cosby, to be brigadier-general, Kentucky; Col. Frank C. Armstrong, to be brigadier-general, Arkansas.

Colonels.

Appointed, Joseph M. Jayne, Forty-eighth Mississippi Regiment, Mississippi.
Promoted, John E. Penn, Forty-second Virginia Regiment, Virginia.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Promoted, John J. Wade, Fifty-fourth Virginia Regiment, Virginia.
Promoted, H. A. Edmundson, Twenty-seventh Virginia Battalion, Virginia.
Promoted, John E. Penn, Forty-second Virginia Regiment, promoted colonel, Virginia.

Majors.

Promoted, John S. Deyerle, Fifty-fourth Virginia Regiment, Virginia.
Promoted, John E. Penn, Forty-second Virginia Regiment, promoted lieutenant-colonel, Virginia.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Maxwell (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 17) relating to appeals from the Commissioner of Patents; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Sparrow submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to communicate to the Senate,

First. The names of all the agents appointed by him and authorized to receive the subscriptions to the produce loan and to purchase cotton, and at what places the said agents are located.

Second. How much cotton has been purchased by each agent, and what is the average price paid therefor by each in each locality.

Third. The instructions given to each agent as to the quantity he should buy, the price he should pay therefor per pound, and the localities where it should be stored.

Mr. Phelan (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 18) to provide compensation for property destroyed by the Confederate States under the act approved March 17, 1862; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives requesting them to direct their Clerk to cause all bills and joint resolutions to be numbered in consecutive order, making no distinction between those introduced in open legislative session and those originating in secret session; the present manner of numbering said bills and resolutions producing confusion in the journals of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That the Hon. W. S. Oldham have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Monday next.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, reported

A bill (S. 19) to amend an act to organize the clerical force of the Treasury Department; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 5) to establish the court for the investigation of claims against the Government of the Confederate States, reported it without amendment.

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Maxwell, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred a communication from the Commissioner of Patents, showing a list of patents granted during the year 1862, reported the same.

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Haynes, from the Committee on Printing, submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That two hundred and fifty additional copies of the report of the Secretary of War, together with the same number of copies of the report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 7) to place hospitals under military control.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., January 27, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, covering an estimate of funds required by the Ordnance Bureau.

I recommend an appropriation of the amount specified for the purpose indicated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 3) to organize the Supreme Court of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by striking out "three," in the fourth line of the first section, and inserting "four,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to reconsider the last-mentioned vote,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Clay, to amend the bill by striking out "seven thousand," in the second line of the fourth section, and inserting "five thousand five hundred,"

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the proposed amendment by striking out "five hundred,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Brown, to amend the proposed amendment by striking out "five thousand five hundred" and inserting "four thousand five hundred,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Henry, to amend the proposed amendment by striking out "five thousand five hundred" and inserting "six thousand,"

It was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Clay,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas-----	11
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On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Clay, Dortch, Henry, Maxwell, Phelan, Wigfall, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Davis, Haynes, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Orr, Semmes, and Sparrow.

On motion by Mr. Clay, to amend the bill by striking out "six," in the third line of the fourth section, and inserting "five,"

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the proposed amendment by striking out "five" and inserting "five thousand five hundred,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Clay as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Clay, to amend the bill by striking out of the fourth section the words "shall receive an annual salary of seven thousand dollars,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

A further amendment having been proposed by Mr. Clay,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

The Hon. W. S. Oldham, from the State of Texas, attended.

Mr. Yancey (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 20) to reorganize the Medical Corps of the Confederate States Navy;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Phelan (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 21) for the condemnation to public use of all cotton within the Confederate States, providing for the payment thereof, and for other purposes;

which was read the first and second times; and

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

Ordered, That it be referred to a select committee of five members, to be appointed by the President *pro tempore*; and

Mr. Phelan, Mr. Sparrow, Mr. Mitchel, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Orr were appointed the committee.

Mr. Semmes (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 22) allowing the Comptroller of the Treasury the privilege of obtaining the legal advice of the Attorney-General;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Semmes (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 23) to repeal sections 45 and 46 of an act of the Provisional Congress entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America;"

which was read the first and second times; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Haynes submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency and necessity of reporting a bill to the Senate to regulate by law the seizure and impressment of private property, real and personal, for the use of the armies of the Confederate States, embracing the following provisions:

1. That private property may be seized and impressed for the necessary use of the troops of the Confederate States by the officers in command when the diligent efforts of the proper authorities would be unavailing to provide and purchase said property at its fair value, and when the necessity is so urgent as not to admit of delay.

2. When the officer is sued for a wrongful seizure, the jury shall be the judges, from the proofs, whether diligent efforts to purchase said property would have procured it for the use of the Army, and whether the emergency was so urgent as to render its impressment necessary. Nor shall good intentions, desire to promote the public service, or the illegal order of any superior support a plea of justification for the wrongful taking of said property.

3. That it shall be the duty of the officers seizing private property for the public use to cause to be paid to the owner, in bonds or Treasury notes, at his option, a just compensation therefor, which shall be determined by the market value of said property at the time when and where taken.

4. That in the event the owner refuses to accept the price paid or offered to be paid as a just compensation, said officer shall deliver to said owner an official certificate specifying the company, battalion, regiment, brigade, or corps of which he has command, the fact of impressment, the quantity and quality of the property taken, the time and place when and where seized, and the amount paid or offered to be paid for the same; which certificate shall be in the hands of said owner a voucher

and prima facie evidence for him against said officer before any court, in which he may be sued for a wrongful impressment, having jurisdiction of the case and before the tribunal created by law to determine the amount of compensation to which he may be entitled.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate the memorial of G. Tochman; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 12) to provide for conscribing seamen and ordinary seamen, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to provide for continuing in service seamen and ordinary seamen now in the service of the Confederate States."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 3) to organize the Supreme Court of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Clay, to amend the bill by adding the following independent section:

SEC. 6. That sections forty-five and forty-six of an act of the Provisional Congress entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America," approved sixteenth March, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, be, and the same are hereby, repealed,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Henry,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 7) to place hospitals under military control.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 19) to amend an act to organize the clerical force of the Treasury Department.

On motion by Mr. Brown, to amend the bill by adding at the end of the second section:

And in all cases in making appointments under this act a preference shall be given to males who are not liable to military duty under the laws of Congress and to females whose fathers, brothers, or husbands are now in the Army, or who have been discharged therefrom on account of disease contracted or wounds received in the discharge of duty, or who have died in the service,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,
 The Senate resolved into executive session.
 The doors having been opened,
 On motion by Mr. Sparrow,
Ordered, That the bill (S. 10) in relation to substitutes be printed.
 On motion by Mr. Clay,
 The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 10) in relation to substitutes, reported it with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,
Ordered, That it be transferred to the Open Legislative Calendar.
 On motion by Mr. Sparrow,
 The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., January 28, 1863.

To the President of the Senate of the Confederate States:

I nominate the persons named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
 Richmond, January 27, 1863.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Navy:

Commander.

Charles F. M. Spotswood, of Virginia, a first lieutenant in the Navy, to be promoted to fill an existing vacancy, and to rank from the 25th of August, 1862, next after Commander J. W. Cooke.

First lieutenant.

Samuel W. Averett, of Virginia, a second lieutenant in the Navy, vice First Lieutenant Spotswood, promoted, to rank next after First Lieut. Wilburn B. Hall.

Second lieutenant.

Julian M. Spencer, of Maryland, a lieutenant in the Navy for the war, vice Second Lieutenant Averett, promoted.

Lieutenants for the war.

James L. Johnson, of Mississippi, and Sidney Smith Lee, jr., of Virginia, acting masters in the Navy.

Paymaster.

James O. Moore, of North Carolina, an assistant paymaster in the Navy, to be promoted to fill an existing vacancy.

Assistant paymasters.

Leslie E. Brooks, of Alabama; Junius J. Lynch, of Maryland; John S. Banks, of Florida; John J. McPherson, of South Carolina; M. M. Seay, of Tennessee; George

H. O'Neal, of Florida; A. A. Nelson, of Texas; L. M. Thompson, of Kentucky; W. M. Briscoe, of Missouri; Frederick Lawrence, of Arkansas; Wilson G. Richardson, of Mississippi; J. C. Moses, of South Carolina; Adam Tredwell, of North Carolina; Edward McKean, of Louisiana; Dewitt C. Seymour, of Georgia.

Passed assistant surgeons.

Charles E. Lining, of South Carolina; Marcellus P. Christian, of Virginia; Robert J. Freeman, of Virginia; Bennett W. Green, of Virginia; James W. Herty, of Georgia; Joseph D. Grafton, of Arkansas, assistant surgeons in the Navy, to be promoted.

Assistant surgeons for the war.

John De Bree, jr., of Virginia; N. C. Edmunds, of Virginia; N. M. Read, of Maryland; S. S. Herrick, of Mississippi; John Leyburn, of Texas; Robert C. Powell, of Kentucky.

Naval storekeepers.

David R. Lindsay, of Alabama; James E. Godfrey, of Georgia; James A. Duffus, of South Carolina.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Dortch submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That in view of the redundancy of the currency, the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the propriety of so amending the acts in relation to the sequestration of the estates, etc., of alien enemies, as to require the payment to the Government, at an early day, of moneys due to said enemies; and that they also inquire into the propriety of allowing citizens who have lost property by the enemy, and who are indebted to alien enemies, to set off their losses against said indebtedness.

Mr. Brown submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be requested to inform the Senate whether officers of the Army, not on duty in the field, but performing clerical or other duties at Richmond and other places, do not receive, in the way of commutation for quarters, fuel, forage for horses, etc., such sums of money as to make their monthly pay largely exceed the pay of officers of the same grade serving in the field. And that he also inform the Senate whether officers not on duty as aforesaid have been allowed to purchase clothing from the Government at cost, and if a like privilege is extended to officers in the field; and further, if it is true that officers performing clerical and other duties in Richmond are allowed horses according to their rank, and whether such horses are kept at the public expense.

Mr. Maxwell (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 24) to authorize the Commissioner of Patents to purchase books for the library of the Patent Office; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 25) to change the title of engineers in the Navy; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 3) to organize the Supreme Court of the Confederate States.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Clay, viz:

Add the following independent section:

Sec. 6. That sections forty-five and forty-six of an act of the Provisional Congress entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America," approved sixteenth March, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, be, and the same are hereby, repealed,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dixon, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill of the Senate (S. 9) to authorize a foreign loan.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dixon, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (S. 9) to authorize a foreign loan.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Hunter, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 11) to provide for the further issue of Treasury notes, and for other purposes, reported it with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

Ordered, That the bill and amendment be printed.

Mr. Hunter also submitted a report (No. 1) on the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sparrow submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the propriety of so amending the present law as to require the publication of the laws in three newspapers in each State, without requiring that they should be published at the seat of government of each State.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (H. R. 4) making appropriations to meet the increase of pay authorized by the act of Congress entitled "An act to increase the pay of certain officers and employees in the executive and legislative departments," approved October 13, 1862.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

Mr. Orr (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 26) granting furloughs to wounded officers and soldiers; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 3) to organize the Supreme Court of the Confederate States.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Clay, viz:

Add the following independent section:

SEC. 6. That sections forty-five and forty-six of an act of the Provisional Congress entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America," approved sixteenth March, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, be, and same are hereby, repealed,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on yesterday, approved and signed the following act:

S. 9. An act to authorize a foreign loan.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, January 30, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Maj. W. L. Cabell, of Arkansas, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, January 30, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Maj. W. L. Cabell, to be brigadier-general, Arkansas, to take rank January 20, 1863.

I have the honor to be, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., January 30, 1863.

To the President of the Senate of the Confederate States:

I nominate the person named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, January 29, 1863.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Navy:

Lieutenant for the war.

Edward W. Fuller, of Louisiana.

With much respect, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved by the Senate of the Confederate States, That the President be requested to furnish the Senate, in executive session, a full list of all regimental, brigade, and division commanders, with the regiment, brigade, and division commanded by them, and also a list of generals and lieutenant-generals, distinguishing between those holding under the Provisional Government and those appointed under the Permanent Government. That he also furnish a list of all quartermasters and commissaries and assistant quartermasters and commissaries, with statement showing the brigade, regiment, post, or depot where assigned to duty, and whether appointed under the Provisional or Permanent Government.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Yancey presented a design for a Confederate States flag; which was referred to the Committee on Flag and Seal.

Mr. Maxwell presented the memorial of Thomas M. Le Baron, major and quartermaster, praying an increase of the salaries of persons employed in his office; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3) to repeal certain clauses of an act entitled "An act to exempt certain persons from military service," etc., approved October 11, 1862, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire into the subject, reported

A bill (S. 27) defining who shall be exempt from military service in the armies of the Confederate States; which was read the first and second times; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That it be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 6) to grant to the principal officer of each of the Executive Departments a seat upon the floor of Congress, reported it with an amendment.

Ordered, That the bill and amendment be printed.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the Hon. Herschel V. Johnson have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate on account of sickness.

Mr. Brown (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 28) further to provide for the public defense; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That the Hon. H. C. Burnett have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Monday, the 9th instant, on account of sickness in his family.

Mr. Semmes presented the petition of G. W. Wang, praying to be relieved from the payment of certain moneys lost by him as quartermaster in the Confederate States Army; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury in response to a resolution of the Senate requesting the names of all the agents appointed to receive subscriptions to the produce loan and to purchase cotton, etc.; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 3) to organize the Supreme Court of the Confederate States.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Clay, viz:
Add the following independent section:

SEC. 6. That sections forty-five and forty-six of an act of the Provisional Congress entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America," approved sixteenth March, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, be, and the same are hereby, repealed,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2) to modify the act entitled "An act to exempt certain persons from military duty, and to repeal an act entitled 'An act to exempt certain persons from enrollment for service in the Army of the Confederate States,' approved twenty-first April, eighteen hundred and sixty-two," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Yancey submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to employ in the service of the Government the best pilots, on such terms as may be requisite to secure their services, or to impress them if necessary, and to pay them such sums as may be deemed adequate to secure a faithful discharge of their duties.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That no one be admitted within the railing of the Senate Chamber except heads of the Executive Departments, members of the House of Representatives, the minister of the gospel who may be in attendance to open the Senate with prayer on that day, and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, or any other clerk in charge of messages from that body to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., February 2, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I hereby nominate the persons named upon the annexed list to the offices designated, agreeably to the recommendation of the Attorney-General.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Richmond, January 31, 1863.

To the PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to nominate for appointment in this Department:

1. Philip A. Clayton, of Columbus, Ga., to be marshal of the district of Georgia.

2. Robt. M. Lusher, of Opelousas, La., to be marshal of the district of Louisiana.

Now holding under appointment made during the late recess of the Senate.

Your obedient servant,

T. H. WATTS,
Attorney-General.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Hill presented a resolution of the State of Georgia, asking an investigation of the complaints against the quartermasters, commissaries, surgeons, agents, and other officials connected with the War Department of the Confederate States, in regard to the performance of their various duties; which was read and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the governor of the State of Florida, transmitting a resolution of the legislature of that State in relation to the present war; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Maxwell, from the Committee on Patents, to whom were referred the following bills:

S. 17. A bill relating to appeals from the Commissioner of Patents; and

S. 24. A bill to authorize the Commissioner of Patents to purchase books for the library of the Patent Office; reported them severally, without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bills last mentioned; and no amendment being proposed, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in said bills.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 3) to organize the Supreme Court of the Confederate States.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Clay, viz:

Add the following independent section:

SEC. 6. That sections forty-five and forty-six of an act of the Provisional Congress entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America," approved sixteenth of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, be, and the same are hereby, repealed,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 5) granting transportation to troops who volunteered for the war; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the Confederate States, on the 30th ultimo, approved and signed the bill (H. R. 4) making appropriations to meet the increase of pay authorized by the act of Congress entitled "An act to increase the pay of certain officers and employees in the executive and legislative departments," approved October 13, 1862.

The bill (H. R. 5) communicated this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Clay,
The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

The Hon. R. L. Y. Peyton, from the State of Missouri, attended.

Mr. Simms (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 29) to take private property for public use, by paying to the owner or owners a just compensation for the same; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 30) to regulate impressments by officers of the Army; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of a resolution of the State of Georgia, asking an investigation of the complaints against the quartermasters, commissaries, surgeons, agents, and other officials connected with the War Department of the Confederate States, in regard to the performance of their various duties.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., February 4, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, submitting estimates for the Indian service to June 30, 1863.

I recommend an appropriation of the amount and for the purpose indicated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., February 4, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering a report of the Quartermaster-General in response to your resolution relative to commutation, etc., of officers serving in cities.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 3) to organize the Supreme Court of the Confederate States.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Clay, viz:

Add the following independent section:

SEC. 6. That sections forty-five and forty-six of an act of the Provisional Congress entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America," approved sixteenth March, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, be, and the same are hereby, repealed,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION

Mr. Phelan submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Doorkeeper shall not bring to any Senator during the session of the Senate any card or other paper from any person beyond the bar of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and

The resolution was not agreed to.

Mr. Semmes submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the President pro tempore to inquire into the recent violation of the dignity of the Senate, and report what course the Senate should adopt in reference thereto.

The President pro tempore appointed Mr. Barnwell, Mr. Henry, Mr. Wigfall, Mr. Sparrow, and Mr. Brown as the committee.

On motion by Mr. Brown that he be excused from serving on said committee,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the committee have leave to sit during the session of the Senate.

Mr. Barnwell, from the committee appointed to inquire into the recent violation of the dignity of the Senate, and to report what course the Senate should adopt in reference thereto, reported the following resolutions and recommended their adoption:

Resolved, That the Senate deem it due to their own honor and dignity to express their deep disapprobation and censure of the very disgraceful scene which occurred on the floor of the Senate to-day between the Senator from Georgia, B. H. Hill, and the Senator from Alabama, W. L. Yancey.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the Senate, no circumstances can justify a Senator in either deliberately using language personally insulting to a Senator or striking a Senator on the floor of the Senate.

Resolved, That the scene above spoken of having occurred in secret session, the Senate enjoins upon every member not in any way, by word or act, to disclose the same to the public.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolutions; and

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, to amend the first resolution by striking therefrom the words "very disgraceful,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the first resolution by striking out all after "*Resolved*" and inserting:

That the Senate hereby expresses its most emphatic disapprobation and censure of the high offense offered to its dignity and decorum by the personal altercation which this day transpired upon the floor of the Senate between the Honorable W. L. Yancey, of Alabama, and the Honorable B. H. Hill, of Georgia,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the first resolution by striking out the words "very disgraceful" and inserting after the word "scene" the words "so disgracing to the Senate," and by striking out the words "the floor of the Senate" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "its floor."

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the first resolution by striking out the words "very disgraceful" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "the scene so very disgraceful to the Senate,"

It was determined in the negative.

No other amendment being proposed, the question was put on the adoption of the resolutions; and

The resolutions were agreed to.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Senators from Alabama and Georgia be required by the Senate to pledge to the Senate that they will not further prosecute the personal difficulty under consideration; and if it is refused, that the Senate will determine what other step, if any, may be taken.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the vote on agreeing to the resolutions expressing the disapprobation and censure of the Senate of the very disgraceful scene which occurred on the floor of the Senate to-day between the Senator from Georgia, B. H. Hill, and the Senator from Alabama, W. L. Yancey, be reconsidered.

The said resolutions being again under consideration,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., February 4, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I hereby nominate the persons named upon the annexed list to the offices designated, agreeably to the recommendation of the Postmaster-General.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 3, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following-named persons for appointment as postmasters by your excellency, with the advice and consent of the Senate:

William D. Coleman, Danville, Pittsylvania County, Va.
Joel W. Womack, Farmville, Prince Edward County, Va.
Clayton J. Noel, Wytheville, Wythe County, Va.
Moses A. Smith, Salisbury, Rowan County, N. C.
George W. Fant, Anderson, Anderson district, S. C.
Susan W. Thruston, Greenville, Greenville district, S. C.
John A. Lee, Spartanburgh, Spartanburgh district, S. C.
Henry Haynesworth, Sumter, Sumter district, S. C.
William A. Morrison, Winnsboro, Fairfield district, S. C.
William P. Hames, Americus, Sumter County, Ga.
Newton J. Boaz, Calhoun, Gordon County, Ga.
William P. Chester, Dalton, Whitfield County, Ga.

Archibald H. Sneed, Forsyth, Monroe County, Ga.
 John H. H. Colquitt, La Grange, Troup County, Ga.
 William Goldsberry, Newnan, Coweta County, Ga.
 James A. Tallman, Greensboro, Greene County, Ala.
 John Howard, Tuskegee, Macon County, Ala.
 James L. Kendel, Oxford, Lafayette County, Miss.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN H. REAGAN,
Postmaster-General.

The PRESIDENT.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Johnson of Georgia (by leave) introduced the following bills:

S. 31. A bill to regulate the taking of private property for public use by military authority, and prescribe the mode of determining what shall be just compensation therefor during the existence of war;

S. 32. A bill to repeal the act of Congress of the United States approved March 2, 1833, entitled "An act further to provide for the collection of duties on imports," and commonly known as the "force bill;" and

S. 33. A bill to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the Confederate States of America;

which were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5) granting transportation to troops who volunteered for the war, reported it with an amendment.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 6) making appropriations for the support of the Government for the period from February 1 to June 30, 1863, inclusive, and to supply deficiencies arising prior thereto.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 3) to organize the Supreme Court of the Confederate States.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Clay, viz:

Add the following independent section:

SEC. 6. That sections forty-five and forty-six of an act of the Provisional Congress entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America," approved sixteenth March, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, be, and the same are hereby, repealed,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

The bill (H. R. 6) making appropriations for the support of the Government for the period from February 1 to June 30, 1863, inclu-

sive, and to supply deficiencies arising prior thereto, communicated this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 5) granting transportation to troops who volunteered for the war.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

That noncommissioned officers and privates who have volunteered for the war, and to whom furloughs may be granted for not more than sixty days, shall be entitled to transportation home and back: *Provided*, That this allowance shall only be made once during the term of enlistment of such noncommissioned officer and private.

SEC. 2. That all laws, or parts of laws, authorizing furloughs to be granted are hereby suspended until the first day of July next, except those furloughs granted upon a surgeon's certificate of sickness or disability,

On motion by Mr. Simms, to amend the reported amendment by striking out, section 1, line 2, the word "volunteered" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "been mustered into service,"

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas-----	10
	{ Nays-----	8

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,
The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Clark, Haynes, Hill, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Peyton, Phelan, and Simms.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Caperton, Clay, Davis, Henry, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Clark, to amend the reported amendment by striking out the second section thereof,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Henry,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire into the subject, reported

A joint resolution (S. 2) relative to the plan of retaliation proposed in the President's message;

which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed in confidence for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Semmes also presented a report in relation to the same subject; which was read.

Ordered, That it be printed in confidence for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Baker (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 34) to amend an act entitled "An act to alter and amend an act for the sequestration of estates, property, and effects of alien enemies, and for indemnity of citizens of the Confederate States and persons aiding the same in the existing war with the United States," approved February 15, 1862; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Phelan (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 3) proposing an exchange with the several States of the bonds of the Confederate States for the bonds of said States; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Phelan,
Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Barnwell (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 35) to authorize the issue of bonds for funding Treasury notes; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Orr (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 36) to increase the strength and efficiency of heavy artillery for coast defense, and other purposes; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That the Hon. William L. Yancey have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Monday next.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 35) to authorize the issue of bonds for funding Treasury notes, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 35) last mentioned; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6) making appropriations for the support of the Government for the period from February 1 to June 30, 1863, inclusive, and to supply deficiencies arising prior thereto, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 6) last mentioned; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 5) granting transportation to troops who have volunteered for the war; and

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That it be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 3) to organize the Supreme Court of the Confederate States.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Clay, viz:

Add the following independent section:

SEC. 6. That sections forty-five and forty-six of an act of the Provisional Congress entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America," approved sixteenth March, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, be, and the same are hereby, repealed,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, that the vote on agreeing to the motion submitted by Mr. Semmes to-day, that when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next, be reconsidered,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said motion; and

The motion was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 5) granting transportation to troops who volunteered for the war.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed to the reported amendment by Mr. Clark, viz, to strike out the second section thereof,

After debate,

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, by unanimous consent, withdrew the said second section of the amendment.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment made as in Committee of the Whole was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, the title was amended to read: "An act to provide for transportation of persons who have been mustered into the service for the war."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 30th ultimo) the nomination of Edward W. Fuller, to be lieutenant for the war, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of Edward W. Fuller, to be lieutenant for the war, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 28th ultimo) the nominations of Samuel W. Averett, to be first lieutenant; Julian M. Spencer, to be second lieutenant; James L. Johnson and Sidney Smith Lee, jr., to be lieutenants for the war; James O. Moore, to be paymaster; Leslie E. Brooks, Junius J. Lynch, John S. Banks, John J. McPherson, M. M. Seay, George H. O'Neal, A. A. Nelson, L. M. Thompson, W. M. Briscoe, Wilson G. Richardson, J. C. Moses, Adam Tredwell, Edward McKean, Dewitt C. Seymour, to be assistant paymasters; Charles E. Lining, Marcellus P. Christian, Robert J. Freeman, Bennett W. Green, James W. Herty, Joseph D. Grafton, to be passed assistant surgeons; John De Bree, jr., N. C. Edmunds, N. M. Read, S. S. Herrick, John Leyburn, Robert C. Powell, to be assistant surgeons for the war; David R. Lindsay, James E. Godfrey, James A. Duffus, to be naval storekeepers, reported, with the recommendation that said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of said persons, agreeably to their respective nominations by the President.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 28th ultimo) the nomination of Charles F. M. Spotswood, to be commander in the Navy, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That the further consideration of said nomination be postponed.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 28th ultimo) the nomination of Frederick Lawrence, to be assistant paymaster, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That the further consideration of said nomination be postponed.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, the vote on agreeing to the motion to refer the bill (S. 33) to propose an amendment to the Constitution of the Confederate States of America to the Committee on the Judiciary was reconsidered.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said motion; and

The motion was not agreed to.

The vote by which leave was granted to introduce the said bill having been reconsidered,

Mr. Johnson, by unanimous consent, withdrew the same.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Davis,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dixon, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 5) granting transportation to troops who volunteered for the war.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled the bill (H. R. 5) to provide for the transportation of persons who have been mustered into service for the war.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Hill (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 37) to amend the fortieth section of an act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America, approved March 16, 1861;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 3) proposing an exchange with the several States of the bonds of the Confederate States for the bonds of said States, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 26) granting furloughs to wounded officers and soldiers, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Haynes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the following bills:

S. 29. A bill to take private property for public use by paying to the owner or owners a just compensation for the same;

S. 30. A bill to regulate impressments by officers of the Army; and

S. 31. A bill to regulate the taking of private property for public use by military authority, and prescribe the mode of determining what shall be just compensation therefor during the existence of war; reported them severally, with the recommendation that they ought not to pass.

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Haynes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, who had been instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire into the subject, reported

A bill (S. 38) to regulate the taking of private property for the public use, and the assessment of compensation therefor; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 3) to organize the Supreme Court of the Confederate States.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Clay, viz:

Add the following independent section:

SEC. 6. That sections forty-five and forty-six of an act of the Provisional Congress entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America," approved sixteenth March, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, be, and the same are hereby, repealed,

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 11) to provide for the further issue of Treasury notes, and for other purposes; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the bill be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Lamar:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled the bill (H. R. 6) making appropriations for

the support of the Government for the period from February 1 to June 30, 1863, inclusive, and to supply deficiencies arising prior thereto.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the message of the President of the Confederate States, communicating estimates for the Indian service to June 30, 1863, and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., February 7, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, covering an estimate of the amount required for the remuneration of additional clerks in the War Department.

I recommend an appropriation of the amount and for the purpose specified.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Lamar:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that he did, on the 7th instant, approve and sign the following act:

H. R. 5. An act to provide for transportation of persons who have been mustered into the service for the war.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., February 7, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration in secret session a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, submitting an estimate of the amount required to carry into effect the act entitled "An act to authorize a foreign loan."

I recommend an appropriation of the amount and for the purpose specified.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 11) to provide for the further issue of Treasury notes, and for other purposes.

On the question to agree to the amendment reported by the Committee on Finance, viz:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

That all Treasury notes not bearing interest, issued previous to the first day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, shall be fundable in eight per cent bonds or stock, until the twenty-second day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-three; that from that date until the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, they shall be fundable in seven per cent bonds or stocks, and after the said first day of July they shall no longer be fundable at the pleasure of the holder, or receivable

in payment of public dues, but shall be payable six months after the ratification of a treaty of peace as specified on their face. All Treasury notes not bearing interest, issued after the first day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and within ten days after the passage of this act, shall be fundable in seven per cent bonds or stocks until the first day of July next; and after the said first day of July shall be fundable only in bonds bearing interest at the rate of four per cent per annum and payable in years from the date thereof, and all such notes not funded shall be receivable in payment of all public dues, except the export duty on cotton, and shall be payable six months after the ratification of a treaty of peace between the Confederate Government and the United States. All Treasury notes bearing interest at the rate of seven and thirty hundredths per cent per annum, and all call certificates bearing eight per cent interest shall, with the accrued interest, be fundable on or before the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, into bonds of the Confederate States, bearing interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum, and payable years after their date, provided that the accrued interest aforesaid may, at the option of the holder, be paid instead of being funded. All call certificates of every description, and all notes bearing interest at the rate of seven and thirty hundredths per cent per annum, outstanding on the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, shall, after that date, be deemed to be bonds bearing an annual interest of six per cent and payable at the end of years from the said first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-three.

SEC. 2. In lieu of the power heretofore given by law to the Secretary of the Treasury to issue Treasury notes bearing no interest, he shall be authorized to issue monthly an amount of such notes not exceeding fifty millions of dollars, which shall be receivable in payment of all public dues, except the export duty on cotton, payable within six months after the ratification of a treaty of peace between the Confederate States and the United States and fundable, at the pleasure of the holder, in bonds of the Confederate States, payable years after date, and bearing rates of interest as follows: If funded within six months from the first day of the month of their issue, the bonds shall bear six per cent interest per annum; if funded after that period, they shall be fundable into bonds bearing four per cent interest per annum. These notes shall bear upon their face the month and year of their issue, and if not funded shall be paid at the time specified on the face, without interest.

SEC. 3. After the passage of this act the authority heretofore given to issue call certificates shall cease, but the notes fundable into six per cent bonds may be converted, at the pleasure of the holder, into call certificates bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from the date of their issue. That every such certificate shall bear upon its face the monthly date of the oldest of the notes which it represents and be convertible into like notes at any time within six months from the first day of the month of its monthly date aforesaid; but every certificate not reconverted within six months from the first day of its monthly date shall be deemed and taken to be a bond payable at the end of years from the expiration of said six months, and bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum. Treasury notes, which by the operation of this act become fundable into bonds bearing a yearly interest of four per cent, may be converted, at the pleasure of the holder, into call certificates bearing interest at the rate of four per cent per annum from their date until reconverted or paid, the said certificates being reconvertible at any time by the holder into notes fundable in four per cent bonds, and payable and receivable as heretofore prescribed. But the said certificates may be redeemed by the Government after six months from the ratification of a treaty of peace between the Confederate States and the United States.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Treasury shall use any disposable means in the Treasury which can be applied to that purpose without injury to the public service to the purchase of Treasury notes bearing no interest, and issued after the passage of this act, until the whole amount of Treasury notes in circulation shall not exceed one hundred and seventy-five millions of dollars.

SEC. 5. The Treasury notes hereby allowed to be issued shall be of any denomination of not less than five dollars, which is now authorized by law, that the Secretary of the Treasury may direct. The authority hereby given shall cease at the expiration of the first session of Congress after the ratification of a treaty of peace, or at the end of two years, should the war continue so long.

SEC. 6. In addition to the authority hereinbefore given to the Secretary of the Treasury to issue Treasury notes, he shall be allowed to issue notes of the denomination of one dollar, and of fifty cents, to such an amount as, in addition to the notes of the denomination of one dollar heretofore issued, shall not exceed the sum of fifteen millions of dollars, and said notes shall be payable six months after the ratification of a treaty of peace between the Confederate States and the United States, and

receivable in payment of all public dues, except the export duty on cotton; but shall not be fundable.

SEC. 7. That the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized to sell bonds bearing six per cent interest per annum and payable at the end of twenty years, at par for Treasury notes issued since the first of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, to such of the Confederate States as may desire to purchase the same; or he may sell such bonds, when guaranteed by the States of the Confederacy, for Treasury notes on such terms as he may deem advisable: *Provided, however,* That the whole amount of such bonds shall not exceed _____ millions of dollars: *And provided further,* That the Treasury notes thus purchased shall not be reissued if the effect of such reissue would be to increase the whole amount of Treasury notes bearing no interest, which are in circulation, to a sum greater than one hundred and seventy-five millions of dollars. And the Secretary of the Treasury is also authorized, at his option, to issue coupon bonds of the Confederate States, bearing six per cent interest per annum and payable at the end of _____ years from their date. The said coupons to be paid at the pleasure of the owner, either in the currency in which interest is paid on other bonds of the Confederate States, or else in cotton certificates which pledge the Government to pay the same in cotton of the quality of New Orleans middlings. The said cotton to be paid at the rate of _____ pence sterling per pound, and to be delivered at any or all of the ports of New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Charleston, or Wilmington, as the Secretary of the Treasury may direct: *Provided, however,* That the bonds hereby authorized shall not exceed one hundred millions of dollars, and shall be applied only to the absorption of Treasury notes as prescribed in this act.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to amend the reported amendment by striking out the word "or," section 1, line 7, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "but shall be," and by striking out, line 8, the words "but shall be" and inserting the word "and,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the reported amendment by striking out, section 1, line 5, the word "seven" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "four,"

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas-----	3
	{ Nays-----	17

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Johnson of Arkansas, Orr, and Phelan.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Caperton, Clark, Clay, Davis, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Mitchel, Peyton, Semmes, Sparrow, and Yancey.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the reported amendment by striking out, section 1, lines 7, 8, and 9, the words

but shall be receivable in payment of public dues, and payable six months after the ratification of a treaty of peace as specified on their face,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 26th ultimo) the nomination of John Taylor Wood, to be aid-de-camp on the staff of the President, with the rank, pay, etc., of a colonel of cavalry, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of John Taylor Wood, to be aid-de-camp on the staff of the President, with the rank, pay, etc., of a colonel of cavalry, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Brown presented the petition of C. K. Mallory and others, acting midshipmen of the Confederate States Navy, praying an increase of pay; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President be requested to inform the Senate what proceedings, if any, have been instituted in any of the courts of the Confederate States to sequester the shares held by alien enemies in the Washington and New Orleans Telegraph Company; whether any decree of sequestration has been rendered, and if so, whether said decree includes the profits realized by the company since the separation of these States from the United States, and if such proceedings have not already been instituted, the reason why. That he further inform the Senate the several amounts paid by all the Departments since the establishment of the Government for messages transmitted by said line, and whether it be practicable or expedient for the Government to appropriate to its use the shares held in said company by alien enemies.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the message of the President, transmitting a communication from the Quartermaster-General in response to a resolution of the Senate in relation to commutation, etc., of officers serving in cities.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 39) to suspend for a limited period the several acts authorizing furloughs to be granted; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

Mr. Orr submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That the vote by which, on the 9th instant, the bill (S. 26) granting furloughs to wounded officers and soldiers was laid on the table be reconsidered.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dixon, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have refused to concur in the resolution of the Senate rescinding rule No. 16 of the joint rules of the two Houses of Congress.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That he be excused from serving on the Committee on Naval Affairs, and that Mr. Baker be appointed thereon in his stead.
On motion by Mr. Haynes,
The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 11) to provide for the further issue of Treasury notes, and for other purposes.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Sparrow to the amendment reported by the Committee on Finance, viz:

Strike out, section 1, lines 7, 8, and 9, the words

but shall be receivable in payment of public dues, and payable six months after the ratification of a treaty of peace as specified on their face,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the reported amendment by striking out, section 1, line 12, the word "seven" and inserting "six,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, to amend the reported amendment by striking out, section 1, line 15, the words "in _____ years from the date thereof" and inserting in lieu thereof the words

at any time not exceeding thirty years from the date thereof, according to such plan as may be adjusted by the Secretary of the Treasury,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after the word "payable," section 1, line 24, the word "ten,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, to amend the reported amendment by striking out, section 1, line 31, the words "the end of" and inserting "a date not exceeding thirty,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the reported amendment by striking out, section 1, line 30, the word "six" and inserting the word "four,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after the word "payable," section 2, line 9, the word "ten,"

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the proposed amendment by striking out "ten" and inserting "not more than thirty nor less than ten,"

It was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Barnwell,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, to amend the reported amendment by striking out, section 3, lines 11 and 12, the words "the end of years from the expiration of said six months" and inserting

any time not exceeding thirty years from the expiration of said six months, according to such plan as may be adjusted by the Secretary of the Treasury,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the reported amendment by striking out the following section:

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Treasury shall use any disposable means in the Treasury which can be applied to that purpose without injury to the public service to the

purchase of Treasury notes bearing no interest, and issued after the passage of this act, until the whole amount of Treasury notes in circulation shall not exceed one hundred and seventy-five millions of dollars,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 1
Nays 20

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Mr. Phelan voted in the affirmative.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Clay, Davis, Haynes, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, Peyton, Semmes, Sparrow, and Yancey.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the reported amendment by inserting, section 7, line 23, after the word "delivered" the words

at any time within six months after the ratification of a treaty of peace between the Confederate States and the United States,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, to amend the reported amendment by striking out, section 7, line 3, the words "at the end of twenty years" and inserting the words "as hereinbefore directed,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, to amend the reported amendment by inserting, section 7, line 6, after the word "by" the words "any of;" by inserting after the word "Confederacy," line 6, the words "upon such plan as may be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury;" by inserting after the word "advisable," line 7, the words "to the highest bidder, and not below par;" by inserting after the word "exceed," line 9, the words "two hundred;" by striking out, lines 16 and 17, the words "at the end of years from their date" and inserting the words "as hereinbefore directed," and by inserting, line 21, after the word "of" the word "eight,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hunter, to amend the reported amendment by inserting, section 7, line 15, after the word "issue" the words "and sell at not less than par as estimated in Treasury notes,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the reported amendment by striking out all of the seventh section after the word "dollars," in the fourteenth line,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, to amend the reported amendment by inserting, section 7, line 15, after the word "option" the words "after the first of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-three,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the reported amendment by striking out all after the word "dollars," in the fourteenth line of the seventh section, and inserting:

That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to issue and sell, at not less than their par value, at his option, coupon bonds of the Confederate States for Treasury notes issued since the first day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum and payable as hereinbefore directed,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the reported amendment by adding thereto the following independent section:

SEC. 8. That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury, immediately after the passage of this act, to make publication of a copy thereof in each State, in at least two newspapers published in the State, and in case such publication be not made at least sixty days prior to the first of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, then the privilege of funding Treasury notes in seven per cent bonds shall continue for sixty days after the date of such publication in such State where such publication shall not have been made within the time aforesaid,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Barnwell, the vote on agreeing to the following amendment, viz: Insert after the word "payable," section 1, line 24, the word "ten," was reconsidered.

The proposed amendment having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Barnwell, by striking out "ten" and inserting "at any time not exceeding thirty," was as amended agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, the vote on agreeing to the following amendment, viz: Insert after the word "payable," section 2, line 9, the word "ten," was reconsidered.

The proposed amendment having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Barnwell, by striking out "ten" and inserting "at any time not exceeding thirty," was as amended agreed to.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments made as in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Maxwell submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the law relating to the mileage of district attorneys of the Confederate States as to allow mileage for all necessary travel in going to and returning from the courts on the route most usually traveled.

Mr. Brown presented the petition of John Sample, praying to have his son, J. A. Sample, lieutenant, Company A, Seventh Mississippi Regiment, allowed back pay; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by Mr. Clark on the 21st of January last, to reconsider the vote on agreeing to the report of the special committee appointed to organize and report the standing committees of the Senate; and

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the motion be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of G. W. Wang.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 1) for the relief of Capt. John F. Divine, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution last mentioned; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Phelan, from the select committee to whom was referred the bill (S. 21) for the condemnation to the public use of all cotton within the Confederate States, providing for the payment thereof, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments.

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

Ordered, That the bill and amendments be printed and made the special order for Monday next at 12 o'clock.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 3) to organize the Supreme Court of the Confederate States.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Clay, viz:

Add the following independent section:

SEC. 6. That sections forty-five and forty-six of an act of the Provisional Congress entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America," approved sixteenth March, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, be, and the same are hereby, repealed,

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Clark,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 7) to prohibit the punishment of soldiers by whipping; in which they ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 10th instant he approved and signed the following act:

H. R. 6. An act making appropriations for the support of the Government for the period from February 1 to June 30, 1863, inclusive, and to supply deficiencies arising prior thereto.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1) to amend an act recognizing the existence of war between the United States and the Confederate States, and concerning letters of marque, prizes, and prize goods, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion submitted by Mr. Clark on the 21st of January last, to reconsider the vote on agreeing to the report of the special committee appointed to organize and report the standing committees of the Senate; and

After debate,

Mr. Clark, by unanimous consent, withdrew the said motion.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Clay submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Flag and Seal be instructed to inquire into the propriety of adopting "a cavalier" as the seal of the Confederate States of America, and of taking as a model the equestrian statue of Washington in the capitol square of this city, as it appears from an eastern view.

On motion by Mr. Baker,

Ordered, That he be excused from serving on the Committee on Commerce, and that Mr. Maxwell be substituted thereon in his stead.

Mr. Sparrow presented the claim of C. Ireson Bradley, asking pay for services rendered as special provost-marshal; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Sparrow (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 4) in relation to the free navigation of the Mississippi River;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Semmes submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether further legislation be necessary to give validity to bonds executed by officers appointed during the recess of the Senate when said bonds are executed by officers prior to the confirmation of their appointments.

Mr. Henry (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 40) to repeal an act to establish places of rendezvous for the examination of enrolled men; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire into the subject, reported

A bill (S. 41) to amend the several acts prescribing the mode of publishing the laws and resolutions of the Confederate States; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed on the Calendar and printed.

On motion by Mr. Hunter,

Ordered, That he be excused from serving on the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The bill (H. R. 7) to prohibit the punishment of soldiers by whip-

ping, communicated from the House of Representatives yesterday for concurrence, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 3) to organize the Supreme Court of the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed till Tuesday next.

Mr. Brown submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That the vote on discharging the Committee on Military Affairs from the further consideration of the message of the President of the Confederate States, transmitting a communication from the Quartermaster-General in response to a resolution of the Senate in relation to commutation, etc., of officers serving in cities, be reconsidered.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 27) defining who shall be exempt from military service in the armies of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, that the bill lie on the table,
After debate,

On motion by Mr. Haynes,
The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Baker (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 42) to amend the tenth section of an act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America, approved March 16, 1861; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Johnson of Georgia presented the petition of Charles L. Schlatter, praying for relief for the Brunswick and Albany Railroad Company, in the State of Georgia; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Johnson of Georgia (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 43) for the relief of the Brunswick and Albany Railroad Company; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Johnson of Georgia (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 44) to amend the law in relation to assistant treasurers and depositaries; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire what practicable plan can be adopted by Congress to secure the indorsement by the several States, jointly or severally, of the bonds of the Confederate States hereafter to be issued to the amount of two hundred millions of dollars.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 45) to amend an act entitled "An act for the establishment and organization of the Army of the Confederate States of America;" which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 28) further to provide for the public defense, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Sparrow also submitted a report (No. 3) in relation to the same subject.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the bill and report lie on the table and be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed, without amendment, the bill of the Senate (S. 1) to authorize the appointment of assistants to the Register in signing bonds and certificates.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 27) defining who shall be exempt from military service in the armies of the Confederate States.

On the question to agree to the motion submitted by Mr. Phelan, that the bill lie on the table,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (S. 1) to authorize the appointment of assistants to the Register in signing bonds and certificates.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Orr, that when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	13
	{ Nays	10

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Clay, Henry, Hunter, Maxwell, Orr, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Davis, Haynes, Hill, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Phelan, and Yancey.

So it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

Mr. Yancey submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That until otherwise ordered the Senate will, on Monday, the sixteenth instant, and thereafter, meet at eleven o'clock antemeridian.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and

The resolution was not agreed to.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., February 13, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of War, covering an "estimate for the incidental and contingent expenses of the Army and of the Department of War until the 30th June next."

I recommend an appropriation of the amount and for the purpose specified.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 46) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for transportation of persons who have been mustered into the service for the war;"

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Richmond, February 9, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate W. H. T. Walker, of Georgia, to the rank of brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 9, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of W. H. T. Walker, of Georgia, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, to take rank from February 9, 1863.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, February 9, 1863.

To the President of the Senate of the Confederate States:

I nominate the person named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 9, 1863.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Navy:

Lieutenant for the war.

Charles L. Haralson, of Texas.

With much respect, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

RICHMOND, VA., *February 13, 1863.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I hereby nominate S. S. Scott, to be Commissioner of Indian Affairs, agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 12, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of S. S. Scott, Commissioner of Indian Affairs for the Confederate States.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of S. S. Scott, to be Commissioner of Indian Affairs for the Confederate States; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of S. S. Scott, to be Commissioner of Indian Affairs for the Confederate States, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nomination of C. F. M. Spotswood, to be a commander in the Navy.

After debate,

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of C. F. M. Spotswood as commander in the Navy?

It was determined in the affirmative.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of C. F. M. Spotswood as commander in the Navy, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nomination of Frederick Lawrence, to be an assistant paymaster in the Navy.

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of Frederick Lawrence, to be an assistant paymaster in the Navy?

It was determined in the affirmative.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of Frederick Lawrence, to be an assistant paymaster in the Navy, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate proceeded, in conformity to the thirty-second rule, to the appointment, by ballot, of a member to fill the vacancy occasioned in the Committee on Foreign Affairs by the retirement of Mr. Hunter.

And Mr. Clark was appointed.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the special committee appointed at the last session to investigate the complaints made by the sick and wounded in the Army of the Confederate States of inattention and neglect on the part of the medical officers, be revived and continued during the present session.

Mr. Sparrow presented a communication from C. H. Morrison in relation to commutation for hospital services; which was referred to the Special Committee on Hospitals.

Mr. Semmes presented the memorial of W. H. S. Taylor, Second Auditor of the Treasury Department, praying for increased compensation; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Dortch presented a resolution of the general assembly of North Carolina, vindicating the loyalty of the State of North Carolina and its general assembly; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Dortch,

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Dortch submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending and making more stringent the laws in regard to persons guilty of aiding and abetting, or harboring, deserters from the Army.

Mr. Brown (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 5) to regulate the issue of clothing to officers in the Army; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Orr presented the petition of Joseph A. Yates, praying to be allowed compensation for the appropriation by the officers of the Government of a patent to him granted for improved machinery for traversing guns; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Orr (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 47) making Columbia, S. C., a port of delivery for goods imported into Charleston, S. C., and Wilmington, N. C. which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Orr (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 48) to authorize the discharge of certain civil officers from the military service of the Confederate States; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 44) to amend the law in relation to assistant treasurers and depositaries, reported it with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the bill and amendment be printed.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John Sample, praying to have his son, J. A. Sample, lieutenant, Company A, Seventh Mississippi Regiment, allowed back pay; and that it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 45) to amend an act entitled "An act for the establishment and organization of the Army of the Confederate States of America," reported it with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the bill and amendment be printed.

Mr. Yancey (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 49) to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to employ the best pilots for service in the Confederate Marine; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution inquiring into the expediency of so amending the acts in relation to the sequestration of the estates, etc., of alien enemies as to require the payment to the Government, at an early day, of moneys due to said enemies, etc.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 42) to amend the tenth section of an act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America, approved March 16, 1861, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 34) to amend an act entitled "An act to alter and amend an act for the sequestration of estates, property, and effects of alien enemies, and for indemnity of citizens of the Confederate States, and persons aiding the same in the existing war with the United States," approved February 15, 1862, reported it with amendments.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the bill and amendments be printed.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 43) for the relief of the Brunswick and Albany Railroad Company, and of the petition of C. L. Schlatter, praying for relief for said company, and that they be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 22) allowing the Comptroller of the Treasury the privilege of obtaining the legal advice of the Attorney-General, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 21) for the condemnation to public use of all cotton within the Confederate States, providing for the payment thereof, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 8. An act to allow commutation for deficiencies in rations; and

H. R. 9. An act to authorize and regulate the impressment of private property for the use of the Army and other military purposes.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 14th instant, approved and signed an act (S. 1) to authorize the appointment of assistants to the Register in signing bonds and certificates.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *February 16, 1863.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War in response to your resolution of the 19th ultimo, in reference to impressments of flour, etc., in Petersburg and Lynchburg.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Simms,

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury in relation to the mode in which those acts of Congress which make appropriations for ministers or agents abroad have been administered in that Department; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury in relation to the delivery of bonds to the president of the Bank of Louisiana; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bills communicated from the House of Representatives this day for concurrence were severally read the first and second times.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 8 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and that the bill numbered 9 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That the message of the President of the Confederate States of the 4th instant, transmitting a communication from the Quartermaster-General in response to a resolution of the Senate in relation to commutation, etc., of officers serving in cities, be printed.

Mr. Simms submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That the vote on ordering the message of the President of the Confederate States, received this day, in response to a resolution

of the Senate in relation to impressments of flour, etc., in Petersburg and Lynchburg, to be printed, be reconsidered.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 27) defining who shall be exempt from military service in the armies of the Confederate States.

On the question to agree to the motion submitted by Mr. Phelan, that the bill lie on the table,

After debate,

Mr. Sparrow demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being put,

It was determined in the negative, {	Yeas-----	7
	Nays-----	19

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Clark, Dortch, Haynes, Maxwell, Phelan, and Simms.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Clay, Davis, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, Peyton, Semmes, Sparrow, Wigfall, and Yancey.

On motion by Mr. Dortch, to amend the bill by inserting after the word "unfit," section 1, line 5, the words "for service in the field,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, to amend the bill by inserting after the word "come," section 1, line 8, the words

Provided, That those who may have been exempted upon surgeons' certificates, setting forth specifically that they labored under some organic disease, shall not be required to undergo reexaminations,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Orr, that the vote on rejecting the amendment proposed by Mr. Dortch, viz, to insert after the word "unfit," section 1, line 5, the words "for service in the field," be reconsidered,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That 50 copies of the bill be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed, with amendments, the bill of the Senate (S. 35) to authorize the issue of bonds for funding Treasury notes; in which amendments they request the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Wigfall submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That the vote by which the Senate, on yesterday, proceeded to the appointment of a member to fill the vacancy occasioned in the Committee on Foreign Affairs by the retirement of Mr. Hunter, be reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the message of the President of the Confederate States, transmitting an estimate for the incidental and contingent expenses of the Army and of the Department of War until the 30th of June next, and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 46) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for transportation of persons who have been mustered into the service for the war," reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 48) to authorize the discharge of certain civil officers from the military service of the Confederate States, reported it with amendments.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the bill and amendments be printed.

On motion by Mr. Mitchel,

The Senate proceeded, in conformity to the thirty-second rule, to the appointment, by ballot, of a member to fill the vacancy existing in the Special Committee on Hospitals.

And Mr. Caperton was appointed.

Mr. Yancey presented a memorial of lieutenants in the Confederate States Navy, praying the passage of an act allowing them the rank and pay of lieutenants commanding while serving as ordnance officers on shore; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *February 17, 1863.*

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a report of the Postmaster-General, supplemental to his report submitted to Congress at the opening of the present session, to which I invite your special attention.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads and printed.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *February 17, 1863.*

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, asking for an appropriation to meet a claim of the State of North Carolina for reimbursement of sums expended upon clothing, etc., for troops of that State in the Confederate service.

I recommend an appropriation of the amount for the purpose specified.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 35) to authorize the issue of bonds for funding Treasury notes; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 27) defining who shall be exempt from military service in the armies of the Confederate States.

On the question to agree to the motion submitted by Mr. Orr, that the vote on rejecting the following amendment proposed by Mr. Dortch, viz, to insert after the word "unfit," section 1, line 5, the words "for service in the field," be reconsidered,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said amendment; and

The question being put on agreeing thereto,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Mitchel, to amend the bill by inserting after the word "come," section 1, line 8, the words

and those heretofore discharged on account of bodily or mental incapacity, by certificate of a surgeon in the service of the Confederate States,

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Mitchel by striking out all after the word "and" and inserting the words "persons so exempted shall not be again liable to be enrolled,"

It was determined in the negative, {	Yeas	5
	Nays	18

On motion by Mr. Mitchel,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Caperton, Henry, Hill, and Orr.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Burnett, Clark, Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Peyton, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, Wigfall, and Yancey.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Mitchel,

It was determined in the negative, {	Yeas	11
	Nays	12

On motion by Mr. Mitchel,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Clark, Haynes, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Peyton, Simms, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Davis, Dortch, Henry, Hill, Orr, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Brown, to amend the bill by inserting after the word "law," section 1, line 21, the words

but it is expressly required of the heads of Departments, the Adjutant and Inspector General, the Quartermaster and Commissary Generals, the heads of bureaus, and all others having clerks or other persons employed in subordinate positions, who are liable to military duty, to cause such persons to be enrolled at once as conscripts, and then proceed as rapidly as possible to have their places filled by competent persons who are not liable to military duty,

It was determined in the negative, {	Yeas	9
	Nays	12

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Clark, Hill, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, Peyton, and Simms.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Caperton, Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hunter, Semmes, Sparrow, Wigfall, and Yancey.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by inserting after the word "law," section 1, line 21, the following proviso:

Provided, This act shall not be construed to exempt from service persons appointed by the officers of the Executive Departments, or by other executive authority, since the sixteenth day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and who were liable to military service when appointed under the various acts of enrollment,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether the officers who may be appointed under the Permanent Government to the same grade which they held under the Provisional Government, will take rank from the date of their last appointment, or from their appointment under the Provisional Government.

Second. That if the committee are of opinion that the officer appointed under the Permanent Government to the same grade he held under the Provisional Government takes rank from the date of the appointment under the Permanent Government, whether Congress has the constitutional power to provide by law that the rank of the officer shall date from his appointment under the Provisional Government.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 6) in relation to foreign affairs; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 10. An act to allow minors to hold commissions in the Army;

H. R. 11. An act to provide for refunding to the State of Alabama the amount overpaid by said State on account of the war tax of 1862;

H. R. 12. An act for the relief of certain officers and soldiers from the State of Missouri;

H. R. 1. Joint resolution of thanks to General Wheeler and the officers and men of his command;

H. R. 2. Joint resolution of thanks to Maj. Gen. J. Bankhead Magruder and officers and men of his command at Galveston, Tex.; and

H. R. 3. Joint resolution of thanks to Gen. William S. Walker and his command for good conduct and gallantry in the battles of Pocotaligo and Coosawhatchie.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill

(S. 35) to authorize the issue of bonds for funding Treasury notes, reported them without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said amendments; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of C. K. Mallory and others, acting midshipmen in the Confederate States Navy, praying an increase of pay, reported

A bill (S. 50) to increase the pay of acting midshipmen in the Navy; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bills and joint resolutions received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times.

Ordered, That the bills numbered 10 and 12 and the joint resolutions numbered 1, 2, and 3 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and that the bill numbered 11 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 27) defining who shall be exempt from military service in the armies of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Mitchel, to amend the bill by inserting after the word "come," section 1, line 8, the words

and persons declared to be unfit for duty in the field under this act, or under the act entitled "An act to establish places of rendezvous for the examination of enrolled men," approved October eleven, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, shall not be afterwards subject to be again examined and enrolled,

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Mitchel by adding thereto the words

except in such cases as the enrolling officer may have reasonable grounds to believe ought to undergo reexamination,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Dortch, to reconsider the vote last mentioned,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Mitchel by inserting after "eighteen hundred and sixty-two" the words "by reason of any organic disease or permanent disability,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Mitchel, as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative.

So the amendment as amended was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the bill by inserting after "officers," section 1, line 15, the words "other than those heretofore named,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Oldham, to amend the bill by striking out, in the eleventh line of the first section, the words "appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate,"

After debate,

Mr. Hill demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being put,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 10
Nays 11

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Clark, Haynes, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Oldham, Peyton, Semmes, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Caperton, Davis, Dortch, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Orr, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the bill by inserting after "officers," section 1, line 15, the words "excepting judges, chancellors, and sheriffs,"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 9
Nays 13

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Haynes, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Peyton, Semmes, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Caperton, Clark, Davis, Dortch, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Orr, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Brown, to amend the bill by striking out, section 1, lines 19, 20, and 21, the words

all clerks in the offices of the Confederate and State governments authorized by law, and receiving salaries or fees fixed by law,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the bill by inserting after "printers," section 1, line 40, the words "engineers and pressmen,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the bill by inserting after "printer," section 1, line 42, the words "engineers and pressmen,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to amend the bill by inserting after "pressmen," section 1, line 40, the words "and stenographic reporters,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Brown, to amend the bill by striking out, section 1, lines 45, 46, and 47, the words

every minister of religion authorized to preach according to the rules of his sect, and now in the regular discharge of ministerial duties; and,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Dortch, to amend the bill by inserting after "last," section 1, line 55, the words "and for two years prior thereto,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the bill by inserting after "stated," section 1, line 63, the words

Provided, That the exemption of shoemakers shall not be construed to include persons engaged in stitching and binding shoes and boots; nor shall the exemption of blacksmiths, millers, and millwrights extend to persons who, before or since the sixteenth of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, were, and have been, working sometimes at said employments and sometimes at agricultural or other industrial pursuits,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by striking out the word "at," section 1, line 60, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "as,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by inserting after the word "last," section 1, line 60, the words "continuously and,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by striking out, section 1, line 61, the words "in one of the above trades" and inserting the same after the word "employed," in the sixtieth line of the same section,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Davis, to amend the bill by striking out "twenty," section 1, line 74, and inserting "fifty,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by inserting after "mechanics," section 1, line 64, the words "and in card factories and factories for the manufacture of wire for cotton and wool cards,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting after the word "a," section 1, line 74, the word "next,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Davis, to amend the bill by inserting after the word "the," section 1, line 75, the words "value of,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, to amend the bill by striking out "twenty," section 1, line 74, and inserting "thirty,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by inserting after "invested," section 1, line 75, the words "and paid in,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, to amend the bill by striking out "five," section 1, line 91, and inserting "three,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, to amend the bill by inserting after "eighteen hundred and sixty-two," section 1, line 87, the words

or who were engaged in teaching school as a profession on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and who are now so engaged,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, to amend the bill by striking out, section 1, lines 104 and 105, the words

no more than six cents per pound is asked or received for the salt so produced by them, and,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Davis, to amend the bill by inserting before the word "All," section 1, line 102, the words "All superintendents and employees engaged at salt works conducted under authority of any State; and,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

A further amendment having been proposed to the bill by Mr. Henry,

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That it be printed.

When,

On motion by Mr. Dortch,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Mitchel (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 51) to alter and amend an act entitled "An act for the sequestration of the estates, property, and effects of alien enemies, and for indemnity of citizens of the Confederate States and persons aiding the same in the existing war with the United States," approved August 30, 1861, and an act altering and amending the same, approved on the 15th day of February, 1862; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 11) to provide for refunding to the State of Alabama the amount overpaid by said State on account of the war tax of 1862, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 11) last mentioned; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 2) of thanks to Maj. Gen. J. Bankhead Magruder and officers and men of his command at Galveston, Tex., reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 2) last mentioned; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported

A bill (S. 52) to fix the rank of officers in the military and naval service of the Confederate States holding commissions under the Pro-

visional Government when reappointed to offices of the same grade under the Permanent Government; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 27) defining who shall be exempt from military service in the armies of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Henry, to amend the bill by striking out the second section thereof and inserting:

SEC. 2. For the police of slaves, one person on each farm or plantation, the sole property of a minor, a person of unsound mind, a feme sole, or a person absent from home in the military or naval service of the Confederacy, on which there are twenty or more slaves: *Provided*, The person so exempted was employed and acting as an overseer previous to the sixteenth of April last, and there is no white male adult on said farm or plantation who is not liable to military duty, which fact shall be verified by the affidavits of said person and two respectable citizens, and shall be filed with the enrolling officer,

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Henry by adding thereto the following proviso:

And provided, That the enrolling officer shall be satisfied that no white male adult, not liable to military duty, can be procured, by ordinary diligence, suitable for said purpose,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Henry by striking out "military," in the fourth line, and inserting "public,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Henry by striking out, in the third and fourth lines, the words "or a person absent from home in the military or naval service of the Confederacy,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the section proposed to be stricken out by inserting after "States," in the eleventh line, the words "excluding quartermasters and commissaries at posts,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the section proposed to be stricken out by inserting after "military," in the eleventh line, the words "and in the naval,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Baker, to amend the section proposed to be stricken out by striking out, in the sixth line, the words "overseer, agent, or owner" and inserting the word "person,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Henry by striking out all after "For" and inserting:

the proper police of slaves required by the several States, and to secure the production of supplies for the Army and the people, one person on each farm or plantation of twenty or more slaves, on which there is no white male adult not liable to military service, and none such can be procured by due diligence, and of which at least four-fifths of the land in cultivation is devoted to the production of grain and provisions. But this clause shall not extend to any farm or plantation owned or controlled by or in behalf of any white male adult, unless such white male adult be insane or lunatic, or absent from home in the military service, nor to any farm or plantation on which the slaves have been placed by division from any other place since the eleventh day of October, eighteen hundred and sixty-two; and the owner or person controlling such farm or plantation, or person claiming this exemption, shall, if required by the

enrolling officer, make and deliver to such officer an affidavit in writing, setting forth the number of slaves on such farm or plantation, that such slaves have not been placed thereon for the purpose of securing an exemption from military service, that there is but one white male adult on such farm or plantation, and that at least four-fifths of the land in cultivation is devoted to the production of grain and provisions; which affidavit shall be only prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Henry by striking out the same and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

That one person may be exempted on every plantation upon which there are twenty or more slaves, four-fifths of the land belonging to which are actually appropriated to the cultivation of grain, and owned by any feme sole, person of unsound mind, or person absent in the military service of the Confederate States, whilst so absent; but this exemption shall not apply to any plantation upon which slaves have been removed by division from any other place since the eleventh day of October, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, nor to any person under the age of forty years: *Provided*, That affidavit shall be made by some respectable person that said plantation does contain twenty or more slaves, that none of them have been removed there from any other place since the eleventh of October, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and that four-fifths of the land in cultivation are actually appropriated to the production of grain; which affidavit shall be filed with and deposited by the enrolling officer in the court having the jurisdiction of wills in the county of the residence of the party by whom the same was made,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the section proposed to be stricken out by striking out the word "on," in the second line, and inserting the words "previous to,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Henry, as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Simms, that the last-mentioned vote be reconsidered,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas -----	7
	{ Nays -----	15

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Dortch, Hill, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Phelan, and Simms.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Davis, Haynes, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Orr, Semmes, Sparrow, Wigfall, and Yancey.

A further amendment having been proposed to the bill by Mr. Haynes,

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That it be printed.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Burnett presented the memorial of John M. Sharp, president of the Bowling Green Bridge Company, in the State of Kentucky, praying to be allowed compensation for the destruction of a bridge; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Mitchel,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom were referred (on the 4th instant) the nominations of William D. Coleman, to be postmaster at Danville, Va.; Joel W. Womack, to be postmaster at Farmville, Va.; Clayton J. Noel, to be postmaster at Wytheville, Va.; Moses A. Smith, to be postmaster at Salisbury, N. C.; George W. Fant, to be postmaster at Anderson, S. C.; Susan W. Thruston, to be postmaster at Greenville, S. C.; John A. Lee, to be postmaster at Spartanburgh, S. C.; Henry Haynesworth, to be postmaster at Sumter, S. C.; William A. Morrison, to be postmaster at Winnsboro, S. C.; William P. Hames, to be postmaster at Americus, Ga.; Newton J. Boaz, to be postmaster at Calhoun, Ga.; William P. Chester, to be postmaster at Dalton, Ga.; Archibald H. Sneed, to be postmaster at Forsyth, Ga.; John H. H. Colquitt, to be postmaster at La Grange, Ga.; John Howard, to be postmaster at Tuskegee, Ala.; James L. Kendel, to be postmaster at Oxford, Miss., reported, with the recommendation that said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to their respective nominations.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Whereas it appears by the records of the Senate, that on the twenty-ninth day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two, C. B. Beverly was nominated to be marshal of the district of Louisiana, and that said nomination was confirmed by the Senate on the seventeenth day of April in the same year; and

Whereas the message of the President, transmitted to the Senate on second February, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, nominating Robert M. Lusher, to be marshal of the district of Louisiana, communicates no information as to the manner in which a vacancy has occurred in the office of marshal aforesaid, nor assigns any reasons for the removal of said Beverly from said office: Therefore,

Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate to the Senate the manner in which the office of marshal of the district of Louisiana has become vacant since the appointment and confirmation of C. B. Beverly; or, in case said Beverly be removed, his reasons for such removal.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Yancey submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of the repeal or the modification, in such manner as to prevent frauds, of the act allowing paymasters to pay soldiers without descriptive lists.

Mr. Sparrow presented a resolution of the general assembly of the State of Louisiana relative to exemptions; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That it be printed.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the communication from the Secretary of

the Treasury in relation to the mode in which those acts of Congress which make appropriations for ministers or agents abroad have been administered in that Department; and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 51) to alter and amend an act entitled "An act for the sequestration of the estates, property, and effects of alien enemies, and for indemnity of citizens of the Confederate States and persons aiding the same in the existing war with the United States," approved August 30, 1861, and an act altering and amending the same, approved on the 15th day of February, 1862, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 51) last mentioned; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the following subjects, and that they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs:

Petition of John Sample, praying to have his son, J. A. Sample, lieutenant, Company A, Seventh Mississippi Regiment, allowed back pay; and

Claim of C. Ireson Bradley, asking pay for services rendered as special provost-marshal.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 14) to prevent fraud in the Quartermaster's and Commissary Departments, and the obtaining under false pretense transportation for private property.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

H. R. 11. An act to provide for refunding to the State of Alabama the amount overpaid by said State on account of the war tax of 1862; and

S. 35. An act to authorize the issue of bonds for funding Treasury notes.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., February 20, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, submitting an estimate for an additional appropriation required by the Engineer Bureau for the period ending June 30, 1863.

I recommend an appropriation of the amount for the purpose specified.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *February 19, 1863.*

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of the Navy in regard to the destruction of the enemy's sloop Hatteras by the Confederate States steam sloop Alabama, to which I invite your attention.

The conduct of the commander, officers, and crew is commended to your favorable notice.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *February 20, 1863.*

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Postmaster-General, submitting an estimate of the sum required for the compensation of certain officers and employees of the Post-Office Department from July 1 to October 12, 1863.

I recommend an appropriation of the amount for the purpose specified.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *February 20, 1863.*

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, submitting an estimate for the contingent expenses of the Adjutant and Inspector General's Office for the period ending June 30, 1863.

I recommend an appropriation of the amount for the purpose specified.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, that when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 10
Nays 9

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Hunter, Maxwell, Orr,
Phelan, Simms, and Wigfall.

Those voting in the negative are,

Messrs. Davis, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Johnson of Georgia, Mitchel,
Semmes, Sparrow, and Yancey.

Mr. Henry submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the propriety of so modifying the law establishing military courts as to allow one of said courts to each department of the Army, whether commanded by a lieutenant, major, or brigadier general, in cases where the number of troops in any such department is less than an army corps.

The bill (H. R. 14) to prevent fraud in the Quartermaster's and Commissary Departments, and the obtaining under false pretense transportation for private property, received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 27) defining who shall be exempt from military service in the armies of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the bill by inserting after the second section the following independent section:

SEC. —. That on any farm belonging in severalty to any feme sole, minor, person of unsound mind, or person absent in the military service, not owning twenty negroes, who had on the sixteenth of April last a family of not less than ten white persons dependent for their support on him or her, on which there is no white male adult not liable to military duty, there shall be exempted one person as manager and laborer, when said person shall verify the facts aforesaid by his own and the affidavits of two respectable citizens, to be filed as aforesaid: *Provided*, That the enrolling officer shall be satisfied that a white adult not liable to military duty can not be procured suitable for said service,

On motion by Mr. Davis, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes by striking out "minor," in the second line,

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Haynes, by unanimous consent, then modified his amendment, at the suggestion of Mr. Yancey, by inserting after the word "citizens," in the eighth line, the words

and shall make affidavit that said person so to be exempted designs in good faith to act in said capacity on said farm, and in the event of a failure to do so at any time thereafter, this exemption, as to said person, shall cease,

On motion by Mr. Davis, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes by striking out the words "had on the sixteenth of April last," in the third and fourth lines, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "has,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes by striking out of the third line the words "not owning twenty negroes,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes by striking out of the seventh line the words "manager and,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes by inserting after "duty," in the sixth line, the words "or male minor or minors who are capable of conducting the operations on said farm,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes by inserting after "her," in the fifth line, the words "and living on said farm or plantation,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Haynes, by unanimous consent, then further modified his amendment, at the suggestion of Mr. Hill, by striking out all after "farm," in the first line, and inserting the words

on which resides a family of white women and children, not less than ten in number, who are dependent for support and protection on the labor and presence of a white man, and on which there is no white male adult not liable to military duty, or

male minor or minors capable of working said farm, there shall be exempted one person as laborer, when said person shall verify the facts aforesaid by his own and the affidavits of two respectable citizens, to be filed with the enrolling officer, and shall also make affidavit that said person so to be exempted designs in good faith to act in said capacity on said farm, and in the event of a failure to do so at any time thereafter, this exemption, as to said person, shall cease: *Provided*, The enrolling officer shall be satisfied that a white male adult not liable to military duty can not be procured suitable for said purpose,

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes by striking out all after the word "That," in the first line, and inserting:

one male white adult person shall be exempted for every indigent family of not less than five children, neither of which is a male of seventeen years of age. Where any such family was dependent upon any person now in the military service of the Confederate States, such person shall be discharged on his application, upon making affidavit that there was such a family dependent upon his manual labor when he entered said service,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ----- 5
Nays ----- 17

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Burnett, Mitchel, Phelan, and Simms.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Caperton, Clark, Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Peyton, Semmes, Sparrow, and Yancey.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes by inserting at the end thereof the following additional proviso:

Provided, That when any such family is dependent for support and protection upon a person now in the military service of the Confederate States, such person shall be discharged upon his application, and making an affidavit attested by two respectable citizens of said facts,

It was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes, as modified and amended,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ----- 17
Nays ----- 5

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, Peyton, Semmes, Sparrow, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Clark, Phelan, and Simms.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the first and second sections of the bill be changed so as to be designated as the thirteenth and fourteenth clauses of the first section.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the first section the following additional clause:

XV. Such other persons as the President shall be satisfied, on account of justice, equity, or necessity ought to be exempted,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by inserting after "allowed," section 2, line 8, the words "by law,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the second section the words "except such persons as have been enrolled under the provisions of an act entitled 'An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide further for the public defense," approved April sixteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and approved the twenty-seventh day of September, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and who are entitled to exemption under the provisions of this act,"

On motion by Mr. Phelan, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow,

It was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Orr,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following independent section:

SEC. 2. This act shall not be construed so as not to be operative as to persons between eighteen and thirty-five years of age, who claim to be exempt as overseers under section first of this act; and all persons between those ages, whose claims to be exempted under the exemption act of twenty-seventh September, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, were disallowed upon the ground that the exemption act of twenty-seventh September, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, did not apply to persons between eighteen and thirty-five years of age, shall be discharged from the Army,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the third section the words

and no person exempted under previous laws shall continue to be exempted unless embraced within the provisions and on the terms and conditions of this act,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following independent section:

SEC. 3. That no person under the age of forty years shall be exempted for the police of slaves upon plantations or for the protection of families of ten persons either under this or any other act,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 3
Nays 18

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Maxwell, Phelan, and Simms.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Mitchel, Orr, Peyton, Semmes, Sparrow, and Yancey.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the third section the words

The provisions of this act shall apply to all persons between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years not in the military service,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 11
Nays 9

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Caperton, Haynes, Hill, Maxwell, Mitchel, Orr, Semmes, Sparrow, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Clark, Davis, Dortch, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Phelan, and Simms.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Orr (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 53) to deprive negroes and mulattoes taken in arms against the Confederate States of the rights and immunities of prisoners of war, and to sell them into perpetual slavery where no person claims right of property in them; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the joint resolutions (S. 6) in relation to foreign affairs be printed in confidence for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the resolution of the Senate instructing them to inquire whether the officers who may be appointed under the Permanent Government to the same grade which they held under the Provisional Government will take rank from the date of their last appointment or from their appointment under the Provisional Government, submitted a report (No. 4).

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That the report be printed.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Clay (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 54) for the relief of Mrs. Laura Harper, wife of Col. R. W. Harper, commanding First Regiment of Arkansas Cavalry; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Burnett submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Printing inquire into the propriety of authorizing the Department of Justice to publish ten thousand copies of the laws of the Provisional and Permanent Congress of the Confederate States, in addition to those already authorized by law to be published.

Mr. Barnwell submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate cause to be printed and distributed to the members of the Senate every Monday a calendar of all business before the Senate.

Mr. Orr (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 55) to vest in the Government, as a part of its postal system, all the rights of the American Telegraph Company in the telegraph lines within the Confederate States, and to provide for working the same; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10) to allow minors to hold commissions in the Army, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9) to authorize and regulate the impressment of private property for the use of the Army and other military purposes, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed by resolution of the Senate to inquire into the subject, reported

A bill (S. 56) to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts," approved October 9, 1862; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the joint resolution (S. 5) to regulate the issue of clothing to officers in the Army.

Mr. Davis submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs inquire into the propriety of so amending the existing laws that privates from any State, enlisted in regiments from other States, may be transferred to regiments from their own State without the consent of their company and regimental commanders.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 13) to amend an act for the establishment and organization of a general staff for the Army of the Confederate States; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 13) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 20th instant, approved and signed an act (S. 35) to authorize the issue of bonds for funding Treasury notes.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 27) defining who shall be exempt from military service in the armies of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Simms, to amend the bill by inserting after the word "employees," section 1, line 32, the words

Provided, That no president or conductor of any railroad company or railroad train shall be exempted from military service under this act when such president or conductor shall fail, neglect, or refuse to furnish seats to such wounded and sick soldiers of the Army as may desire transportation over such railroad, and fresh water for drinking purposes, in such tanks or vessels in each passenger car as may be necessary for the use of said sick and wounded, and also the necessary fires to render said cars comfortable,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Dortch, to amend the bill by inserting after the word "such," section 1, line 29, the words "superintendents, roadmasters, station agents,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Caperton, to amend the bill by inserting after the word "navigation," section 1, line 34, the words

the president of any canal company, secretary, chief clerks, chief toll-gatherer, and such mechanics, in the permanent service of said company as the president, under oath, shall declare to be necessary,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Yancey, to amend the bill by inserting after the word "service," section 1, line 29, the words

Provided, That said pilots shall at all times enter into the service of the Confederate States as pilots on vessels owned or chartered by the Confederate States, and being used to run the blockade of any of the ports of the Confederate States when required to do so by the commander of said vessel on the promise of reasonable compensation for said service, to be graduated according to prices usually paid for similar services at the port or ports into or from which said vessels are to be navigated; and in the event of the refusal or failure of any of said pilots to comply with said demand for his services, this exemption, as to him, shall be of no effect,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Simms, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the first section the following proviso:

Provided, That the following-named persons mentioned in the first section of this act shall only be exempted from military service by paying, each one of them, into the Treasury of the Confederate States, the following sums in Confederate Treasury notes:

All pilots, officers, or engineers engaged in the merchant-marine service, and who are not exclusively in the employment of the Government of the Confederate States, one thousand five hundred dollars.

All other persons who are owners or part owners of any vessel or craft engaged in such service, or who are owners or part owners of the cargoes of the same, or who derive profit therefrom in any manner whatever, one thousand five hundred dollars.

All persons who have in their employment five or more employees as shoemakers, tanners, blacksmiths, wagon makers, millers, or millwrights, and who themselves claim to be exempted because engaged in these several trades, and who are the owners or part owners of such shoemaking establishment, wagon-making shop, mills or millwright establishments, tannery, or blacksmith shop, and who are not in the employment of the Government of the Confederate States, five hundred dollars:

Provided, That all such millers, where they manufacture one hundred barrels of flour per day, or more, shall pay one thousand five hundred dollars.

All captains of canal boats, or other vessels engaged in canal or river navigation, or other persons who are owners or part owners of the same, claiming exemption thereby, and who are not in the employment of the Government of the Confederate States exclusively, one thousand dollars.

All presidents of railroads or telegraph companies, and superintendents of the same, not in the exclusive employment of the Government of the Confederate States, one thousand dollars.

All superintendents or operatives in wool or cotton factories, or paper mills, who are the owners in whole or in part, or the son or sons of such owner or part owner of such factory or paper mill, or who are the owners, in whole or in part, of the productions or fabrics of such factory or paper mill, and who are not in the exclusive employment of the Government of the Confederate States, two thousand dollars.

All superintendents of laborers engaged in the manufacture or mining of salt, who are the owners or part owners, or the son or sons of such owner or part owners of the salt so manufactured or mined, making five hundred bushels or more per day, three thousand dollars; or not less than two hundred bushels per day, two thousand dollars; or not less than one hundred bushels per day, one thousand five hundred dollars; or not less than fifty bushels per day, one thousand dollars.

All superintendents of laborers engaged in the production of lead or iron, who are the owners, in whole or in part, or the sons of such owner or part owner, of the lead or iron so produced, and who are not in the employment of the Government of the Confederate States, one thousand five hundred dollars.

All regular and skilled miners in coal mines, who are the owners or part owners, or the son of such owner or part owner of the coal so mined, one thousand five hundred dollars.

All persons who are the owners of twenty or more slaves, who are engaged in the business of overseeing, and who by reason of that fact are exempted under this act, one thousand dollars: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to apply to any seaman, boat hand, or sailor engaged in the merchant-marine service, or in river or canal navigation, or to any shoemaker, tanner, blacksmith, miller, wagon maker, or millwright who is a journeyman, work hand, or apprentice, with no pecuniary interest in the business in which he is engaged, unless he be the son of the owner or part owner of the establishment; or to any superintendent or laborer in any woolen or cotton factory or paper mill, who are merely in the employment of others, with no pecuniary interest in the business or trade, unless he be the son of the owner or part owner of the same; or to any superintendent of laborers in salt works, lead or iron establishments, or miners in coal mines, who are in the employment of others and have no pecuniary interest in the business, unless he be the son of the owner or part owner of the same; nor to any president of any railroad or telegraph company, unless he be a stockholder in such company: *Provided further*, That it shall be the duty of each enrolling officer, and he is hereby empowered, to administer to each person claiming exemption under this act by reason of his trade, occupation, or employment, the necessary oath, showing to what extent he is owner or part owner in the business, trade, or calling in which he is engaged, which statement, so made in writing, and sworn to before said enrolling officer, shall be received as prima facie evidence of the fact only; and in all such cases it shall be the duty of the said enrolling officer to report his proceedings in each case to the Secretary of War, with the name and place of residence of the party so sworn, who shall, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, cause the said party to be exempted, as the facts of the case may be, by paying the amount herein required, or cause him to be enrolled in the event of a refusal to pay the same: *Provided also*, That the Government of the Confederate States reserves, at all times, the right to refund the amount so received when it may be necessary to call said persons into the military service,

On motion by Mr. Clay, that the amendment lie on the table,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	14
	{ Nays	9

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Clay, Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Orr, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Clark, Oldham, Peyton, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, and Yancey.

So it was

Ordered, That the said amendment lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by inserting after the word "States," section 1, line 38, the following proviso:

Provided, That the rates charged on said railroads and canals for carrying passengers and freights shall be such that the net profits of the respective roads and canals shall not exceed fifteen per centum per annum on the capital actually invested and paid in, to be ascertained by the affidavit of the presidents of the respective roads and canals,

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Hill by striking out "fifteen per centum" and inserting "thirty per centum,"

On motion by Mr. Davis, that the amendment proposed by Mr. Hill, together with the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Haynes, lie on the table,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting after "service," section 1, line 29, the words "excluding such owners of vessels as are not actually employed in navigating the same,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the bill by inserting after "reporters," section 1, line 50, the words "and mailing clerks,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the bill by inserting after "reporters," section 1, line 40, the words "and reporters for legislative and legal proceedings,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Brown, to amend the bill by striking out, section 1, lines 90 and 91, the words

All physicians who now are and have been for the last five years in the actual practice of their profession; and,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Henry, by unanimous consent, to amend the amendment heretofore agreed to in relation to the exemption of one person on each farm or plantation on which there are twenty or more slaves, for police purposes, by striking therefrom the words "the person so exempted was employed and acting as an overseer previous to the sixteenth of April last," and inserting in lieu thereof the words

that this clause shall not extend to any farm or plantation on which the negroes have been placed by division from any other farm or plantation since the eleventh day of October, eighteen hundred and sixty-two,

After debate,

Mr. Davis demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being put,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas -----	7
	{ Nays -----	17

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Clay, Henry, Hill, Johnson of Georgia, Orr, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Peyton, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, and Sparrow.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, by unanimous consent, to amend the

said amendment in relation to the police of slaves by inserting at the end thereof the following additional proviso:

Provided further, That this clause shall not extend to any farm or plantation on which the negroes have been placed by division from any other farm or plantation since the eleventh day of October, eighteen hundred and sixty-two,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 23
Nays 1

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Clark, Clay, Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, Peyton, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Yancey.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas voted in the negative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments made as in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the bill as amended be printed.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by his Secretary, Mr. B. N. Harrison:

RICHMOND, VA., *February 20, 1863.*

To the President of the Senate of the Confederate States:

I nominate the persons named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, NAVY DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, February 18, 1863.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Navy, under act No. 146, approved May 10, 1861:

First lieutenant.

W. Winder Pollock, of Maryland, late lieutenant in the United States Navy, to take rank at the foot of the list of first lieutenants.

Surgeon.

William D. Harrison, of Virginia, late surgeon in the United States Navy, to take rank at the foot of the list of surgeons.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *February 20, 1863.*

To the President of the Senate:

I nominate the person named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 19, 1863.

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Navy:

Assistant paymaster.

Simeon B. Reardon, of Arkansas.

With much respect, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary: -

RICHMOND, VA., *February 20, 1863.*

To the President of the Senate:

I nominate the persons named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 18, 1863.

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Navy:

Commander.

First Lieut. William L. Maury, of Virginia, vice Commander William McBlair, deceased.

First lieutenant.

Second Lieut. Henry B. Claiborne, of Louisiana, vice First Lieut. William L. Maury, promoted, to rank next above Lieut. Walter R. Butt.

Second lieutenant.

Master in line of promotion, Mortimer M. Benton, of Kentucky, vice Second Lieut. Henry B. Claiborne, promoted.

Assistant paymasters.

J. W. Beasley, of Tennessee; William H. Chase, of Georgia; H. E. McDuffie, of Louisiana; William M. Ladd, of Missouri.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *February 20, 1863.*

To the President of the Senate:

I nominate the persons named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 18, 1863.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Navy, under act No. 331, approved December 24, 1861:

Lieutenants for the war.

Samuel Barron, jr., of Virginia; Thomas W. Benthall, of Maryland; E. C. Stockton, of South Carolina; John G. Blackwood, of Maryland; Julius A. Pratt, of Louisiana; Marshall Brown, of North Carolina.

Assistant surgeons for the war.

R. C. Bowles, of Kentucky; Henry Stone, of Louisiana; John C. Harrison, of Texas; H. B. Meade, of Mississippi.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, February 21, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 20, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Army of the Confederate States of America:

Generals.

Sam. Cooper, of Virginia, to take rank May 16, 1861.

Robert E. Lee, of Virginia, to take rank June 14, 1861.

Joseph E. Johnston, of Virginia, to take rank July 4, 1861.

G. T. Beauregard, of Louisiana, to take rank July 21, 1861.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate to the Senate, in executive session, all the correspondence which has taken place between this Government and our commissioners to foreign nations.

The Senate proceeded to consider said resolution; and

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Resolved, That its further consideration be postponed till to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Baker submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether it would be expedient and just to extend to collateral relations of alien enemies, faithful citizens of any of the Confederate States, or engaged in the military or naval service, the rights now allowed to the next of kin in the direct ascending and descending line, under the provisions of the sequestration act, approved February fifteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

Mr. Sparrow presented a communication from William W. Farmer, of Louisiana, suggesting certain reforms in the postal service; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate the petition of Isaac H. Adams and others, mail agents on railroads in Virginia and Tennessee, praying for an increase of compensation; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 12) for the relief of certain officers and soldiers from the State of Missouri, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed by resolution of the Senate to inquire into the subject, reported

A bill (S. 57) relative to the bonds of quartermasters and commissaries of the Confederate States; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 10) in relation to substitutes.

On motion by Mr. Simms, that the bill, together with the reported amendment, be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs, with instructions to inquire into the expediency of repealing all laws authorizing persons liable to military duty to furnish substitutes; and also into the expediency of refunding to all persons who have furnished substitutes the amount paid by them for the same, and when the amount so paid is refunded, to require all such persons to enter the military service as other persons who are liable to such service, the substitute so furnished to remain in the service of the Confederate States during the term of his enlistment,

It was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz:

Add the following independent section:

SEC. 2. That in all cases persons who have heretofore furnished substitutes shall be enrolled and held to service, if within the age prescribed by law, when the substitute has deserted from the service,

It was determined in the negative, {	Yeas -----	9
	Nays -----	14

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Burnett, Dortch, Henry, Peyton, Phelan, Simms, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Caperton, Clark, Clay, Davis, Haynes, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Mitchel, Orr, and Yancey.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting:

That when any person who shall be hereafter received into the military service as a substitute shall desert, the person who furnished the substitute shall be enrolled and held to service. But the person so enrolled and held to service shall be discharged by producing the substitute to the command from which he deserted; and nothing in this act shall be construed to relieve the substitute from the penalties of desertion,

It was determined in the negative, {	Yeas -----	9
	Nays -----	14

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Clay, Hill, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, and Orr.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Clark, Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Phelan, Simms, Sparrow, and Yancey.

No amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

On the question,

Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative, {	Yeas -----	13
	Nays -----	10

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Clark, Clay, Davis, Dortch, Henry, Hunter, Oldham, Phelan, Simms, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Haynes, Hill, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Mitchel, Orr, and Yancey.

So it was

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Brown, that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (S. 28) further to provide for the public defense,

It was determined in the negative, {	Yeas -----	9
	Nays -----	11

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Clark, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, Phelan, and Simms.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Caperton, Clay, Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Sparrow, and Yancey.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 27) defining who shall be exempt from military service in the armies of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Simms,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *February 24, 1863.*

To the Senate:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Attorney-General, in reference to the shares held by alien enemies in the Washington and New Orleans Telegraph Company, in response to your resolution of the 10th instant.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 2) relative to the plan of retaliation proposed in the President's message.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *February 23, 1863.*

To the President of the Senate:

I nominate the person named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 23, 1863.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Navy:

Lieutenant for the war.

James McC. Baker, of Florida.

With much respect, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Wigfall submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to inquire into the rights and duties of reporters admitted to seats upon the floor of the Senate, and also to inquire whether there has been any breach of those duties in certain comments recently made by a reporter in the columns of a newspaper published in this city on one of the members of this body.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That the committee be appointed by the President pro tempore.

And Mr. Wigfall, Mr. Yancey, and Mr. Johnson of Arkansas were appointed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 15) for the establishment and equalization of the grade of officers of the Navy of the Confederate States, and for other military purposes; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 20th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 11) to provide for refunding to the State of Alabama the amount overpaid by said State on account of the war tax of 1862.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 27) defining who shall be exempt from military service in the armies of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, and by unanimous consent, the bill was amended by inserting after the word "officers," in the twenty-first line of the last section, the words

other than the judges of the supreme, district, superior, circuit, and probate courts, the chancellors of State courts, and sheriffs, excluding justices of the peace.

The bill having been read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	-----	19
	{ Nays	-----	4

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hunter, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Peyton, Semmes, Sparrow, Wigfall, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Hill, Johnson of Georgia, Mitchel, and Simms.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Brown (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 58) to establish a volunteer navy;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 59) to amend an act entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to make certain contracts without advertising for proposals," approved August 29, 1861; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 60) to authorize the appointment of a register and an additional clerk and a draftsman for the Navy Department; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Henry,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow, and that the bill and amendment be printed.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A joint resolution (H. R. 2) of thanks to Maj. Gen. J. Bankhead Magruder and officers and men under his command at Galveston, Tex.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 44) to amend the law in relation to assistant treasurers and depositaries; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 52) to fix the rank of officers in the military and naval service of the Confederate States holding commissions under the Provisional Government when reappointed to offices of the same grade under the Permanent Government.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That it be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The bill (H. R. 15) for the establishment and equalization of the grade of officers of the Navy of the Confederate States, and for other purposes, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the message of the President of the Confederate States, of yesterday, in relation to shares held by alien enemies in the Washington and New Orleans Telegraph Company; and

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

On motion by Mr. Hill,
The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 52) to fix the rank of officers in the military and naval service of the Confederate States holding commissions under the Provisional Government when reappointed to offices of the same grade under the Permanent Government.

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Hill,
After debate,

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow, and that the amendment be printed.

Mr. Henry gave notice of his intention to propose an amendment to the bill (S. 52) last mentioned; which was read and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Yancey,
The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Senate proceeded to consider the following resolution, submitted by Mr. Orr on the 23d instant:

Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate to the Senate, in executive session, all the correspondence which has taken place between this Government and our commissioners to foreign nations.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 3) to organize the Supreme Court of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Clark,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 9) to authorize and regulate impressment of private property for the use of the Army and other military purposes.

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting:

That when by due diligence private property, essential for the use of the Army of the Confederate States, can not be procured or purchased by the persons hereinafter named, in cases of absolute necessity it may be taken in the following manner:

SEC. 2. That said property shall be taken by a bonded quartermaster or commissary, or some person duly authorized by him in writing, which writing shall be exhibited

to the owner or person having control of said property at the time and before the said quartermaster or commissary, or the person authorized as aforesaid, shall take the same.

SEC. 3. That the owner or person having control of said property, and the officer or person hereinbefore authorized to take the same, shall each select one disinterested citizen as appraisers from the neighborhood, district, or parish, unconnected with the Army, who shall take an oath that they are not interested in said property or appraisement, and that they will well and truly fix and determine the value thereof and the amount of compensation which may be just. And in case of disagreement between said appraisers, they shall choose a third citizen of said neighborhood, district, or parish, in like manner unconnected with the Army, as an umpire, to decide, under a like oath as aforesaid, the matters in dispute: *Provided*, That the said appraisers shall have the power, and it is hereby made their duty, to administer to each other all necessary oaths prescribed by this act to the same extent as belongs to any judge or justice of the peace in any State.

SEC. 4. That the officer or person taking private property as aforesaid for public use shall, at the time of said taking, pay to the owner, his agent or attorney, the compensation fixed by said appraisers, and shall also give to the owner or person controlling said property a certificate, over his official signature, specifying the battalion, regiment, brigade, division, or corps to which he belongs, that said property is essential for the use of the Army, could not be otherwise procured, and was taken through absolute necessity; setting forth the time and place when and where taken, the amount of compensation fixed by said appraisers, and the sum, if any, paid for the same. Said certificate shall be evidence for the owner, as well as of the taking of said property for the public use, as the right of the owner to the amount of compensation fixed as aforesaid. And in case said officer or person taking said property shall have failed to pay the owner, his agent or attorney, said compensation as hereinbefore required, then said owner shall be entitled to the speedy payment of the same by the proper disbursing officer, which, when so paid, shall be in full satisfaction of all claim against the Government of the Confederate States.

SEC. 5. That before any officer or person authorized as aforesaid shall be entitled to take the private property of the owner for public use, under the provisions of this act, the said appraisers, upon their oaths to act faithfully and impartially between the owner and the Confederate Government, shall say that the said property is not essentially necessary for the support of the owner and his family and not absolutely required to carry on his ordinary agricultural and manufacturing business until the harvesting of the ensuing crop.

SEC. 6. That no officer shall take for the public use, and use and occupy the lands of any citizen of any State, except for posts, depots, ordnance purposes, fortifications, encampments, and battlefields, without his consent; nor take for use and occupation the houses of any citizen, nor quarter officers or troops therein without the consent of the owner, nor take and use his household furniture, except when such houses and furniture shall be absolutely necessary for hospital purposes for the use of the sick and wounded, and when suitable houses and furniture can not be otherwise, in the exercise of due diligence, procured to meet the emergency; which houses and furniture, when taken as aforesaid, shall be protected from injury as much as practicable and delivered up to the owners as soon as the emergency will allow.

SEC. 7. That a just compensation shall be paid to the owners, agents, or attorneys for the use and occupation of said houses and furniture by the proper disbursing officer, to be fixed by appraisers to be selected and sworn as aforesaid. The officer or surgeon taking said houses and furniture shall give the owner, his agent or attorney, a certificate as hereinbefore required of quartermasters and commissaries, which shall be in like manner evidence for the owner of the taking of said houses and furniture for the public use, of the use and occupation of the same, and of his right to immediate compensation therefor.

SEC. 8. That any commissioned or noncommissioned officer or private who shall violate the provisions of this act shall be tried before the military court of the corps to which he is attached, on complaint made by the owner or other person, and on conviction, if an officer, he shall be cashiered and put into the ranks as a private, and if a private he shall suffer such punishment, not inconsistent with military law, as the court may direct,

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Hunter to the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to,

and made the special order for, to-morrow at 12 o'clock, and that the amendment proposed by Mr. Hunter be printed.

Mr. Haynes, Mr. Yancey, Mr. Maxwell, and Mr. Johnson of Georgia severally gave notice of their intention to propose amendments to the bill (H. R. 9) last mentioned; which were ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Mitchel,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 61) to authorize the President to contract for the construction and equipment of vessels for the Navy abroad; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 2) relative to the plan of retaliation proposed in the President's message.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Davis, that the resolution lie on the table,

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *February —, 1863.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, February 16, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Brigadier-general.

Col. William Smith, of Virginia, to be brigadier-general, January 31, 1863.

Aids-de-camp, with rank of first lieutenant.

Henry Irwin, of Maryland, to Maj. Gen. A. Elzey, January 12, 1863.

S. S. Kirkland, of North Carolina, to Brig. Gen. W. D. Pender, December 13, 1862.

F. von Phul, of Missouri, to Brig. Gen. D. M. Frost, October 15, 1862.

E. A. Hawkins, of Georgia, to Brig. Gen. George Doles, December 28, 1862.

G. T. Smoot, of Tennessee, to Maj. Gen. J. P. McCown, March 10, 1862.

James R. Crump, of Tennessee, to Brig. Gen. W. H. Jackson, January 6, 1863.

E. H. Gregory, of Tennessee, to Brig. Gen. John Adams, January 11, 1863.

M. M. Lindsay, of Tennessee, to Brig. Gen. C. M. Wilcox, August 19, 1862.

A. L. Pitzer, of Virginia, to Maj. Gen. J. A. Early, January 21, 1863.

W. G. Calloway, of Virginia, to Maj. Gen. J. A. Early, January 21, 1863.

Jeff. B. Posey, of Mississippi, to Brig. Gen. C. Posey, January 19, 1863.

William McCabe, of Arkansas, to Brig. Gen. J. C. Tappan, January 26, 1863.

S. C. Hepburn, of Louisiana, to Brig. Gen. F. T. Nicholls, January 17, 1863.

F. C. Cox, of Virginia, to Brig. Gen. E. F. Paxton, January 19, 1863.
 E. Bredell, jr., of Missouri, to Brig. Gen. J. S. Bowen, January 7, 1863.
 B. Manning, of Alabama, to Brig. Gen. James Cantey, January 30, 1863.
 E. T. Harris, of Tennessee, to Brig. Gen. M. J. Wright, January 20, 1863.
 John M. Sharp, of Kentucky, to Maj. Gen. S. B. Buckner, January 26, 1863.
 William Eggeling, of Virginia, to Brig. Gen. C. J. Polignac, February 9, 1863.
 S. P. Hanly, of Arkansas, to Maj. Gen. P. R. Cleburne, December 13, 1862.
 H. J. Brother, of Arkansas, to Brig. Gen. F. C. Armstrong, January 23, 1863.
 F. G. Lyon, of Alabama, to Brig. Gen. Z. C. Deas, January 11, 1863.
 Robt. C. Stewart, of Tennessee, to Brig. Gen. A. P. Stewart, February 3, 1863.
 Thomas G. Jones, of Alabama, to Brig. Gen. J. B. Gordon, January 2, 1863.
 Rufus J. Polk, of Louisiana, to Brig. Gen. L. E. Polk, December 16, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of Samuel Barron, jr., Thomas W. Benthall, E. C. Stockton, John G. Blackwood, Julius A. Pratt, Marshall Brown, and James McC. Baker, to be lieutenants for the war; Simeon B. Rear-don, J. W. Beasley, William H. Chase, H. E. McDuffie, William M. Ladd, to be assistant paymasters, and R. C. Bowles, Henry Stone, John C. Harrison, H. B. Meade, to be assistant surgeons for the war, reported, with the recommendation that said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to their respective nominations.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That the Hon. James M. Baker have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Friday next.

Mr. Hill presented certain papers relating to a large amount of army supplies now in the possession of the Government, alleged to have been bought with counterfeit Treasury notes in Texas, and for the payment for which there are conflicting claimants; which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 36) to increase the strength and efficiency of heavy artillery for coast defense, and other purposes, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 9) to authorize and regulate the impressment of private property for the use of the Army and other military purposes.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 3) to organize the Supreme Court of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Clark,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 8) to provide and organize engineer troops to serve during the war; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., February 27, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

In further response to your resolution of the 10th instant, in reference to the shares held by alien enemies in the Washington and New Orleans Telegraph Company, I herewith transmit a communication from the Postmaster-General.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Burnett submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President be requested to furnish to the Senate copies of the reports of General Braxton Bragg of his campaign in Kentucky, including the reports of the battles of Munfordville, Perryville, and Richmond; also report of the battle of Murfreesboro, together with the reports of the lieutenant, major, and brigadier generals engaged in said campaign and battles.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 2) relative to the plan of retaliation proposed in the President's message.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the resolution be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Mitchel,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *February 27, 1863.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Attorney-General in relation to the marshalship of Louisiana, in response to your resolution of the 19th instant.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

RICHMOND, VA., *February 27, 1863.*

To the President of the Senate:

I nominate the person named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 26, 1863.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Marine Corps:

Second lieutenant.

Albert S. Berry, of Kentucky.

With much respect, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

RICHMOND, *February 26, 1863.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 16, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Quartermasters, with the rank of major.

A. G. Quaite, of Texas, for duty with Gen. J. C. Moore's brigade, to rank October 27, 1862.

R. B. George, of Kentucky, for duty with Gen. A. Buford's brigade, to rank January 16, 1863.

George T. Jones, of Virginia, for duty with Gen. R. B. Garnett's brigade, to rank January 14, 1863.

W. P. Paul, of Tennessee, for duty with Gen. W. H. Jackson's brigade, to rank January 6, 1863.

H. J. Hearsey, of Mississippi, for duty with Gen. C. Posey's brigade, to rank January 19, 1863.

W. H. Quincy, of South Carolina, for duty with Gen. M. Jenkins' brigade, to rank January 1, 1863.

James T. Stewart, of Georgia, for duty with Gen. H. W. Mercer's brigade, to rank January 15, 1863.

J. H. Littlefield, of Texas, for duty with Gen. J. B. Robertson's brigade, to rank November 1, 1862.

H. R. Hooper, of Arkansas, for duty with Gen. A. Rust's brigade, to rank May 14, 1862.

C. H. Jones, of Virginia, to be assigned to duty by the Quartermaster-General, to rank December 3, 1862.

A. S. Cabell, of Virginia, for duty with Gen. W. L. Cabell's brigade, to rank January 3, 1863.

C. H. Suber, of Florida, to be assigned to duty by Gen. Joseph Finegan, to rank February 9, 1863.

T. J. Woolfolk, of Alabama, for duty with Gen. James Cantey's brigade, to rank January 30, 1863.

H. L. Elcan, of Tennessee, for duty with Gen. M. J. Wright's brigade, to rank January 20, 1863.

John M. Billups, of Tennessee, for duty with Gen. John Adams' brigade, to rank January 25, 1863.

G. S. Thompson, of North Carolina, for duty with Gen. J. H. Lane's brigade, to rank January 23, 1863.

W. E. Bird, of Georgia, for duty with Gen. R. Toombs' brigade, to rank February 1, 1863.

N. C. Jones, of Arkansas, for duty with Gen. F. C. Armstrong's brigade, to rank January 23, 1863.

R. J. Hill, of Alabama, for duty with Gen. Z. C. Deas' brigade, to rank January 11, 1863.

J. A. Lauderdale, of Tennessee, for duty with Donelson's brigade (now commanded by Colonel Savage), to rank January 9, 1863.

J. R. Parrott, of Georgia, for duty with Gen. W. T. Wofford's brigade, to rank February 17, 1863.

Assistant quartermasters, with rank of captain.

J. G. Guignard, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank July 16, 1862.

W. H. Bryan, of South Carolina, for duty with Holcombe Legion, to rank December 20, 1862.

E. G. Cheatham, of North Carolina, for duty with Twenty-third North Carolina Regiment, to rank December 6, 1862.

J. M. Kilgour, of Virginia, for duty with Thirty-eighth Virginia Battalion, to rank January 3, 1863.

W. C. Day, of Mississippi, for duty with Eighth Mississippi Battalion, to rank December 15, 1862.

R. R. Harris, of Tennessee, for duty with Fifth Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, to rank May 24, 1862.

Johnson Orrick, of Virginia, for duty with Thirty-third Virginia Regiment, to rank December 18, 1862.

T. H. Maxwell, of Florida, for duty with First Florida Regiment, to rank December 22, 1862.

George Higgins, of Georgia, for duty with Sixty-first Georgia Regiment, to rank June 1, 1862.

A. U. Wright, of Texas, for duty at Jefferson, Tex., to rank November 29, 1862.

William Johnston, of Kentucky, for duty with Gen. B. Bragg, to rank January 2, 1863.

J. B. O'Bryan, of Tennessee, for duty with Gen. B. Bragg, to rank January 2, 1863.

John W. Green, of Virginia, to be assigned to duty by the Quartermaster-General, to rank December 14, 1862.

A. H. Keller, of Alabama, for duty with Twenty-seventh Alabama Regiment, to rank September 24, 1862.

W. M. Sowers, of Virginia, to be assigned to duty by Gen. T. J. Jackson, to rank December 28, 1862.

James M. Elliott, of Georgia, for duty at Rome, Ga., to rank December 16, 1862.

Willis S. Stone, of Tennessee, for duty with Eighth Tennessee Regiment, to rank July 1, 1862.

Thomas Moore, of Tennessee, for duty with Maj. A. H. Cole, at Murfreesboro, Tenn., to rank December 12, 1862.

W. F. Law, of Georgia, for duty with Twenty-first Georgia Battalion, to rank October 14, 1862.

Gust. Bredow, of Louisiana, for duty with Twenty-ninth Louisiana Regiment, to rank January 22, 1863.

J. M. Madding, of Alabama, for duty with Thirty-fifth Alabama Regiment, to rank December 12, 1862.

C. L. Randolph, of Tennessee, for duty with Thirty-fifth Tennessee Regiment, to rank May 15, 1862.

J. B. Burwell, of North Carolina, for duty with Fifty-third North Carolina Regiment, to rank December 15, 1862.

G. E. Manigault, of South Carolina, for duty with Fourth South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, to rank December 30, 1862.

Jesse S. Wood, of Florida, for duty with Second Florida Battalion, to rank December 24, 1862.

J. F. McClure, of Tennessee, for duty with Sixtieth Tennessee Regiment, to rank October 6, 1862.

W. B. Hoyt, of Alabama, for duty with Eighteenth Alabama Regiment, to rank December 25, 1862.

John H. Gray, of Georgia, for duty with Sixth Georgia Regiment, to rank December 23, 1862.

J. S. Porcher, of South Carolina, for duty with Tenth South Carolina Regiment, to rank December 18, 1862.

R. E. B. Hewetson, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment, to rank January 13, 1863.

C. B. Gwathmey, of Virginia, for duty with Fifth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank January 22, 1863.

Ker Boyce, of Georgia, for duty with Twelfth Georgia Battalion, to rank January 12, 1863.

Thomas M. Ingles, of Tennessee, for duty with Thirty-fourth Tennessee Regiment, to rank January 22, 1863.

E. H. Ewing, of Virginia, for duty with chief quartermaster General Hardee's corps, to rank January 27, 1863.

W. W. Gordon, of Georgia, for duty with Sixty-third Georgia Regiment, to rank January 6, 1863.

J. W. Higgason, of Alabama, for duty with Forty-second Alabama Regiment, to rank May 16, 1862.

E. B. Faulkner, of Virginia, to be assigned to duty by Quartermaster-General, to rank February 1, 1863.

J. F. Foard, of Tennessee, for duty with Sixty-third Tennessee Regiment, to rank July 30, 1862.

W. J. Kennedy, of Alabama, for duty at Montevallo, Ala., to rank January 23, 1863.

Travis G. Wright, of Texas, for duty at Clarksville, Tex., to rank January 23, 1863.

B. F. Fitzpatrick, of Mississippi, for duty with Thirty-first Mississippi Regiment, to rank January 19, 1863.

W. F. Williams, of Alabama, for duty with Thirty-ninth Alabama Regiment, to rank January 11, 1863.

Thomas Addison, of South Carolina, for duty with Twenty-fourth South Carolina Regiment, to rank January 8, 1863.

George Cox, of Mississippi, for duty with Twenty-sixth Mississippi Regiment, to rank December 14, 1862.

J. F. Martin, Alabama, for duty with Ninth Alabama Regiment, to rank January 31, 1863.

D. W. Ducie, of Mississippi, for duty with Sixteenth Mississippi Regiment, to rank January 19, 1863.

O. F. Weisiger, of Virginia, to be assigned to duty by Quartermaster-General, to rank January 30, 1863.

W. R. White, of Arkansas, for duty with Twelfth Arkansas Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank June 14, 1862.

L. M. Lawshe, of Mississippi, for duty with First Mississippi Regiment, to rank October 6, 1862.

Thomas W. Napier, of Kentucky, for duty with Third Kentucky Cavalry Regiment, to rank November 18, 1862.

Felix Ducayet, of Louisiana, to be assigned to duty by Quartermaster-General, to rank January 29, 1863.

Felix W. Earnest, of Tennessee, for duty with Sixty-first Tennessee Regiment, to rank October 10, 1862.

E. P. Gaines, of Texas, for duty with Maj. Gen. J. B. Magruder, to rank December 17, 1862.

Benjamin F. Buckner, for duty with Third South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, to rank January 18, 1863.

John Tatum, of Arkansas, for duty with First Arkansas Regiment, to rank January 18, 1863.

James M. Henagan, of South Carolina, for duty with Eighth South Carolina Regiment, to rank September 20, 1862.

W. H. Kable, of Virginia, for duty with Tenth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank January 30, 1863.

Charles W. Green, of Virginia, for duty with Seventeenth Virginia Regiment, to rank December 17, 1862.

J. C. Van Fossen, of Virginia, for duty with Seventeenth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank January 28, 1863.

Henry Dunohoo, of Tennessee, for duty with Sixty-second Tennessee Regiment, to rank January 4, 1863.

Sheldon Toomer, of Georgia, for duty at West Point, Ga., to rank February 9, 1863.

R. H. Hill, of Tennessee, for duty at Camp Instruction, at Knoxville, Tenn., to rank October 14, 1862.

O. Caldwell, of Virginia, for duty with Sixteenth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank January 22, 1863.

Henry S. Field, of North Carolina, for duty with Maj. Gen. A. P. Hill, to rank October 8, 1862.

M. V. Mitchell, of Missouri, for duty with Fifth Missouri Regiment, to rank September 1, 1862.

N. J. Floyd, of Alabama, for duty with Ninth Alabama Regiment, to rank January 23, 1863.

W. T. Edwards, of Arkansas, for duty with First Arkansas Cavalry Regiment, to rank January 28, 1863.

D. R. Murchison, of North Carolina, for duty with Thirty-fourth North Carolina Regiment, to rank January 24, 1863.

Jos. M. Walters, of Virginia, for duty with Thirteenth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank January 19, 1863.

George C. Reid, of Virginia, for duty with Brig. Gen. R. E. Colston, to rank January 31, 1863.

H. G. Robertson, of Tennessee, for duty at Greeneville, Tenn., to rank January 15, 1863.

S. Chambers, of Virginia, for duty with Eighteenth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank January 10, 1863.

T. D. Johnston, of North Carolina, for duty with Thomas' Legion, to rank January 13, 1863.

V. E. Turner, of North Carolina, for duty with Twenty-third North Carolina Regiment, to rank January 26, 1863.

W. R. Garrett, of Tennessee, for duty with Seventh Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, to rank January 22, 1863.

Thomas Jones, of Virginia, for duty with Fortieth Virginia Regiment, to rank February 1, 1863.

A. R. Venable, of Virginia, to report to Quartermaster-General, for duty at Petersburg, Va., to rank February 10, 1863.

W. G. Thomas, of Texas, for duty at Camp Instruction, Tyler, Tex., to rank August 4, 1862.

William H. Welch, of Alabama, for duty with Twentieth Alabama Regiment, to rank November 28, 1862.

D. McKenzie, of North Carolina, for duty with Fifth North Carolina Battalion, to rank December 24, 1862.

George D. Logan, of Louisiana, for duty with Thirty-third Louisiana Regiment, to rank November 16, 1862.

W. C. Eoff, of Virginia, for duty with Thirty-sixth Virginia Battalion, to rank February 5, 1863.

J. E. Ray, of Tennessee, for duty with Fifth Tennessee Regiment, to rank May 6, 1862.

B. F. Owen, of Mississippi, for duty at Lauderdale Springs, Miss., to rank February 11, 1863.

R. M. Oates, of North Carolina, for duty with Thirty-seventh North Carolina Regiment, to rank October 7, 1862.

R. H. Allen, of Mississippi, for duty with Twelfth Mississippi Battalion, to rank February 9, 1863.

William M. Milby, of Texas, for duty with Second Texas Cavalry Regiment, to rank October 11, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the propriety of increasing the compensation now allowed by law for the publication of the laws in the public newspapers.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 36) to increase the strength and efficiency of heavy artillery for coast defense, and other purposes; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time, and the title was amended.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to increase the strength and efficiency of heavy artillery for seacoast defense."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 4) in relation to the free navigation of the Mississippi River, reported it with an amendment by way of substitute therefor.

Ordered, That the amendment be printed.

Mr. Oldham also submitted a report (No. 5) in relation to the same subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Clay, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of John Sample, praying to have his son, J. A. Sample, lieutenant, Company A, Seventh Mississippi Regiment, allowed back pay, reported

A bill (S. 62) to pay officers, noncommissioned officers, and privates not legally mustered into the service of the Confederate States for services actually performed; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7) to prohibit the punishment of soldiers by whipping, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 7) last mentioned; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time, as amended; and

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 25th of February last he approved and signed a joint

resolution (H. R. 2) of thanks to Maj. Gen. J. Bankhead Magruder and officers and men under his command at Galveston, Tex.

The House of Representatives have passed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles; in which they ask the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 16. An act in relation to the transfer of troops, and to repeal an act entitled "An act in relation to the transfer of troops," approved September 23, 1862;

H. R. 17. An act to aid committees of Congress in the investigation of matters referred to them, and to punish false swearing before said committees;

H. R. 4. Joint resolution of thanks to Gen. Braxton Bragg, and the officers and privates comprising the Army of Tennessee, for their operations before Murfreesboro; and

H. R. 5. Joint resolution relative to general orders issued from the Adjutant-General's Office.

The bills and joint resolutions received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 16 and the joint resolutions numbered 4 and 5 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and the bill numbered 17 to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 13) to amend an act for the establishment and organization of a general staff for the Army of the Confederate States, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 14) to authorize newspapers to be mailed to soldiers free of postage, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 9) to authorize and regulate the impressment of private property for the use of the Army and other military purposes.

Pending the consideration of the amendment proposed to the bill by Mr. Haynes, Mr. Yancey gave notice of his intention to propose an amendment thereto; which was ordered to be printed;

When,

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That the bill (S. 30) to regulate impressments by officers of the Army be printed.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 2) relative to the plan of retaliation proposed in the President's message.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the resolution, together with sundry propositions informally submitted in relation to the subject, be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

Ordered, That so much of the President's message as relates to the subject of retaliation be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *February 27, 1863.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 16, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Commissaries, with the rank of major.

L. F. Marshall, of Arkansas, for duty with Gen. A. Rust's brigade, to rank September 20, 1862.

D. R. Hawkins, of Maryland, for duty with Gen. J. J. Archer's brigade, to rank June 15, 1862.

V. M. Brown, of Virginia, for duty with Gen. M. D. Corse's brigade, to rank December 3, 1862.

D. T. Carraway, of North Carolina, for duty with Gen. J. H. Lane's brigade, to rank January 17, 1862.

B. G. Pinckney, of South Carolina, for duty with Gen. J. H. Trapier's brigade, to rank January 9, 1863.

A. P. Slover, of Tennessee, for duty with Gen. W. H. Jackson's brigade, to rank January 6, 1863.

Thomas P. Adams, of Mississippi, for duty with Gen. John Adams' brigade, to rank January 11, 1863.

J. M. Elliston, of Arkansas, for duty with Gen. J. C. Tappan's brigade, to rank January 26, 1863.

John Cantey, of Alabama, for duty with Gen. J. Cantey's brigade, to rank January 30, 1863.

John P. Trezevant, of Tennessee, for duty with Gen. M. J. Wright's brigade, to rank January 20, 1863.

Benjamin F. Carter, of Tennessee, for duty with Gen. J. C. Brown's brigade, to rank January 17, 1863.

Isaac Scherck, of Arkansas, to be assigned to duty by Maj. Gen. P. R. Cleburne, to rank December 13, 1862.

C. J. Kinney, of Arkansas, for duty with Gen. F. C. Armstrong's brigade, to rank January 23, 1863.

H. A. Deas, of Alabama, for duty with Gen. Z. C. Deas' brigade, to rank January 11, 1863.

Assistant commissaries, with the rank of captain.

P. L. Mynatt, of Tennessee, for duty with First Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, to rank November 21, 1862.

F. G. Behre, to be assigned to duty by Commissary-General, to rank January 14, 1863.

G. F. Thatcher, of Louisiana, for duty with Second Louisiana Regiment, to rank December 30, 1862.

W. H. Anderson, of Tennessee, for duty with Fifteenth Tennessee Regiment, to rank December 20, 1862.

E. T. Burch, of Virginia, for duty with Fifteenth Virginia Regiment, to rank January 1, 1863.

H. F. Dunson, of Alabama, for duty with Fourteenth Alabama Regiment, to rank January 3, 1863.

John M. Zachry, of Georgia, for duty with Twenty-seventh Georgia Regiment, to rank December 29, 1862.

D. S. Dickinson, of Virginia, for duty with Sixty-fourth Virginia Regiment, to rank January 10, 1863.

B. M. Burroughs, of Florida, for duty with First Florida Cavalry Regiment, to rank December 22, 1862.

J. M. Kern, of Mississippi, for duty with Forty-fifth Mississippi Regiment, to rank December 19, 1862.

A. F. Hall, of Alabama, for duty with Fifth Alabama Regiment, to rank December 10, 1862.

J. E. Morecock, of North Carolina, for duty at Goldsboro, N. C., to rank January 16, 1863.

A. P. Lining, of South Carolina, for duty with Fourth South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, to rank December 30, 1862.

George P. Elliott, of South Carolina, to be assigned to duty by Gen. W. S. Walker, to rank December 6, 1862.

W. D. Rankin, of Tennessee, for duty with Sixtieth Tennessee Regiment, to rank December 10, 1862.

George W. Lamar, of Georgia, for duty with Sixty-third Georgia Regiment, to rank December 29, 1862.

C. D. Burks, of Georgia, for duty with Sixtieth Georgia Regiment, to rank January 10, 1863.

J. B. Anderson, of Tennessee, for duty with Twenty-eighth Tennessee Regiment, to rank May 8, 1862.

W. H. Atwell, of Tennessee, for duty with Seventh Tennessee Regiment, to rank June 15, 1862.

J. J. Hutchinson, of Alabama, for duty with Fifth Alabama Regiment, to rank January 1, 1863.

H. B. Lane, of North Carolina, for duty with Thirty-first North Carolina Regiment, to rank January 8, 1863.

Roger Moore, of North Carolina, for duty with Forty-first North Carolina Regiment, to rank January 4, 1863.

Owen Fennell, of North Carolina, for duty with First North Carolina Regiment, to rank November 5, 1862.

James J. Busby, of Tennessee, for duty with Forty-eighth Tennessee Regiment, to rank January 10, 1863.

H. B. Taliaferro, of Virginia, for duty with Seventeenth Virginia Regiment, to rank December 12, 1862.

A. Hobday, of Virginia, for duty at King and Queen Court-House, Virginia, to rank January 18, 1863.

C. V. Morris, of Alabama, for duty with Fifteenth Alabama Regiment, to rank January 1, 1863.

James McNeill, of Alabama, for duty with Forty-second Alabama Regiment, to rank May 16, 1862.

S. K. Ingram, of Mississippi, for duty with Fourth Mississippi Regiment, to rank October 6, 1862.

Hiram Fain, of Tennessee, for duty with Sixty-third Tennessee Regiment, to rank July 30, 1862.

Robert Tait, of North Carolina, for duty with Eighteenth North Carolina Regiment, to rank May 25, 1861.

E. Horry Frost, of South Carolina, for duty with Fifth South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, to rank February 3, 1863.

T. B. Stapleton, of Tennessee, for duty with Fourth Tennessee Regiment, to rank October 1, 1862.

James F. Gresham, of Mississippi, for duty with Twenty-sixth Mississippi Regiment, to rank September 10, 1862.

W. T. Noel, of Virginia, for duty with Fiftieth Virginia Regiment, to rank February 6, 1863.

G. W. Ferrand, of Texas, for duty with Second Texas Regiment, to rank July 1, 1862.

R. H. Downman, of Virginia, for duty with Fourth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank January 9, 1863.

John Emmerson, of North Carolina, for duty with Fifty-seventh North Carolina Regiment, to rank February 4, 1863.

J. C. Meadows, of Alabama, for duty with Thirty-seventh Alabama Regiment, to rank December 1, 1862.

H. S. Van Eaton, of Mississippi, for duty with Sixteenth Mississippi Regiment, to rank January 19, 1863.

R. C. Cammack, of Louisiana, for duty with First Louisiana Artillery Regiment, to rank January 1, 1863.

S. V. Reid, of Virginia, for duty in Tennessee, to be assigned by Commissary-General, to rank February 1, 1863.

S. C. Means, of South Carolina, for duty with Fourth South Carolina Regiment, to rank January 19, 1863.

G. W. Sampson, of Texas, for duty with Sixth Texas Regiment, to rank December 23, 1862.

J. N. Davis, of Mississippi, for duty with First Mississippi Regiment, to rank October 6, 1862.

John G. Jones, of Kentucky, for duty with Third Kentucky Cavalry Regiment, to rank November 18, 1862.

W. H. Armstrong, of Tennessee, for duty with Sixty-first Tennessee Regiment, to rank October 10, 1862.

C. M. Ohlson, of Arkansas, for duty with Fourth Arkansas Regiment, to rank August 13, 1862.

J. T. Beveridge, of Tennessee, for duty with Fifty-first Tennessee Regiment, to rank April 22, 1862.

William Holroyd, of Virginia, for duty with Seventeenth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank October 15, 1862.

William M. Turner, of South Carolina, to be assigned to duty by Commissary-General, to rank January 28, 1863.

J. W. Armstrong, of Georgia, to be assigned to duty by Commissary-General, to rank January 28, 1863.

T. U. Dudley, jr., of Virginia, to be assigned to duty by Commissary-General, to rank January 28, 1863.

O. P. Meares, of North Carolina, for duty with Sixty-first North Carolina Regiment, to rank January 24, 1863.

Edw. Smith, of Virginia, for duty with Forty-fifth Virginia Regiment, to rank May 10, 1862.

L. McDonald, of Virginia, for duty with Sixteenth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank January 22, 1863.

C. A. Neilson, of Mississippi, for duty with Thirty-fifth Mississippi Regiment, to rank July 17, 1862.

W. H. Murrell, of Missouri, for duty with Fifth Missouri Regiment, to rank March 23, 1862.

C. Dawson, of Kentucky, for duty with Sixth Kentucky Regiment, to rank January 18, 1863.

S. J. Calvert, of North Carolina, for duty with Fifty-sixth North Carolina Regiment, to rank October 27, 1862.

J. P. Murphy, of Louisiana, for duty with Second Louisiana Regiment, to rank January 19, 1863.

Edward Alston, of North Carolina, for duty with Fourth North Carolina Regiment, to rank January 23, 1863.

B. G. Boaz, of Georgia, for duty with Eleventh Georgia Regiment, to rank January 20, 1863.

F. Livingston, of Florida, for duty at Camp of Instruction, Florida, to rank December 22, 1862.

D. B. Thompson, of Virginia, for duty with Thirtieth Virginia Battalion, to rank January 18, 1863.

John R. Wills, of Virginia, for duty with Twenty-eighth Virginia Regiment, to rank December 1, 1862.

J. J. Villepigne, of South Carolina, for duty with Second South Carolina Regiment, to rank November 18, 1862.

P. Harrison, of Virginia, for duty with Eighteenth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank January 10, 1863.

W. H. Sale, of Virginia, for duty with First Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank July 14, 1862.

George Wray, of Virginia, for duty with Maj. Gen. J. B. Magruder, to rank February 13, 1863.

T. E. Stanley, of South Carolina, for duty with Twenty-first South Carolina Regiment, to rank January 1, 1863.

W. A. Hall, of Tennessee, for duty with Seventh Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, to rank January 22, 1863.

John J. Jelks, of Georgia, for duty with Twenty-sixth Georgia Regiment, to rank January 10, 1863.

D. N. Leach, of Alabama, for duty with Thirty-fourth Alabama Regiment, to rank January 27, 1863.

T. D. Reeves, of Texas, for duty with Second Texas Cavalry Regiment, to rank October 11, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAS. A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

RICHMOND, *February 28, 1863.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 16, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Adjutants, with rank of first lieutenant.

R. F. Sloan, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Fifth Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, to rank May 24, 1862.

H. A. Walker, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Thirteenth North Carolina Regiment, to rank December 20, 1862.

J. F. Fuller, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Thirty-first Tennessee Regiment, to rank September 4, 1862.

A. L. McFee, of Louisiana, to be adjutant Thirty-first Louisiana Regiment, to rank December 23, 1862.

T. J. Moore, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Fifty-ninth North Carolina Regiment, to rank December 30, 1862.

F. Foster, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Forty-fifth Mississippi Regiment, to rank April 23, 1862.

J. R. Carwile, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Seventh South Carolina Regiment, to rank January 13, 1863.

N. B. Chinch, of Georgia, to be adjutant Fourth Georgia Cavalry Regiment, to rank December 29, 1862.

J. H. Bullock, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Eighteenth Arkansas Regiment, to rank September 16, 1862.

J. M. McKleroy, of Alabama, to be adjutant Slaughter's battalion, to rank October 2, 1862.

R. J. Washington, of Virginia, to be adjutant Ninth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank October 18, 1862.

W. E. Munford, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Fourteenth Tennessee Regiment, to rank November 1, 1862.

William Wade, of Virginia, to be adjutant Fourth Virginia Regiment, to rank October 10, 1862.

C. H. Ragsdale, of South Carolina, to be adjutant First South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, to rank January 5, 1863.

R. J. Prather, of Arkansas, to be adjutant First Arkansas Cavalry Regiment, to rank September 1, 1862.

F. Strange, of North Carolina, to be adjutant First North Carolina Regiment, to rank December 30, 1862.

T. F. Mitchell, of Georgia, to be adjutant Tenth Confederate Regiment, to rank January 31, 1863.

W. N. Rose, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Sixteenth South Carolina Regiment, to rank December 1, 1862.

A. M. Waddell, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Forty-first North Carolina Regiment, to rank January 4, 1863.

W. J. Wood, of South Carolina, to be adjutant First South Carolina Regiment, to rank January 8, 1863.

T. J. Portis, of Alabama, to be adjutant Sixty-second Alabama Regiment, to rank May 16, 1862.

U. L. York, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Sixty-third Tennessee Regiment, to rank July 30, 1862.

M. F. Gordon, of Virginia, to be adjutant French's Battalion, to rank October 15, 1862.

W. S. Pope, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Seventh Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, to rank January 22, 1863.

T. L. Sanford, of Alabama, to be adjutant Thirty-seventh Alabama Regiment, to rank December 1, 1862.

J. B. Marsden, of Virginia, to be adjutant First Virginia Battalion, to rank January 1, 1863.

W. S. Williamson, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Eighth North Carolina Regiment, to rank November 1, 1862.

John D. Watson, of Virginia, to be adjutant Fifty-seventh Virginia Regiment, to rank January 21, 1863.

W. O. Butler, jr., of Kentucky, to be adjutant Third Kentucky Cavalry Regiment, to rank November 18, 1862.

James D. Thomas, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Sixty-first Tennessee Regiment, to rank September 5, 1862.

James O. Ferrell, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Nineteenth South Carolina Regiment, to rank December 4, 1862.

H. B. Barbour, of Virginia, to be adjutant Seventeenth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank January 28, 1863.

James M. Wade, of Virginia, to be adjutant Fifty-fourth Virginia Regiment, to rank January 18, 1863.

J. P. Whitman, of Virginia, to be adjutant Sixteenth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank January 22, 1863.

J. P. Gaston, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Sixty-fourth North Carolina Regiment, to rank February 1, 1863.

A. M. Moore, of Alabama, to be adjutant Thirty-third Alabama Regiment, to rank July 1, 1862.

J. F. Greenwood, of Missouri, to be adjutant Fifth Missouri Regiment, to rank September 1, 1862.

B. A. Griffin, of Texas, to be adjutant Eighth Texas Regiment, to rank January 1, 1863.

L. Frank Dozier, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Twenty-first South Carolina Regiment, to rank January 1, 1863.

B. W. Ball, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Hampton Legion, to rank November 5, 1862.

S. R. Hensley, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Sixteenth North Carolina Regiment, to rank January 24, 1863.

A. J. Robert, of Georgia, to be adjutant Fourth Georgia Regiment, to rank November 1, 1862.

J. H. Robinson, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Fifty-second North Carolina Regiment, to rank November 1, 1862.

F. J. Haywood, jr., of North Carolina, to be adjutant Fifth North Carolina Regiment, to rank January 26, 1863.

J. Cameron, of Virginia, to be adjutant Eighteenth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank January 10, 1863.

T. C. James, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Third North Carolina Regiment, to rank January 26, 1863.

J. R. Bisland, of Louisiana, to be adjutant Twenty-sixth Louisiana Regiment, to rank January 17, 1863.

B. H. Lofton, of Georgia, to be adjutant Fifteenth Georgia Regiment, to rank January 30, 1863.

R. F. Jones, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Seventeenth Mississippi Regiment, to rank September 25, 1862.

W. D. Waller, of Virginia, to be adjutant Thirty-sixth Virginia Battalion, to rank February 5, 1863.

D. W. Oates, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Thirty-seventh North Carolina Regiment, to rank December 1, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

RICHMOND, March 2, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate J. C. Moore, of Texas, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 18, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of J. C. Moore, of Texas, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to take rank from May 26, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

RICHMOND, *February 27, 1863.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 16, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

Lieut. Col. H. K. Aiken, of South Carolina, to be colonel Fifth South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, to rank November 1, 1862.

L. L. Lomax, of Virginia, to be colonel Eleventh Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank February 5, 1863.

Lieutenant-colonel.

Maj. E. P. Tayloe, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-second Virginia Battalion, to rank November 20, 1862.

Major.

Capt. H. L. Andrews, of North Carolina, to be major Second North Carolina Battalion, to rank October 1, 1862.

Second lieutenants.

J. W. Marshall, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), to rank October 8, 1862.

F. M. Williams, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant, First Louisiana Artillery Regiment, to rank January 31, 1863.

F. C. Lucas, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company C, Lucas Artillery Battalion, to rank January 23, 1863.

H. Austill, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant, First Alabama Artillery Battalion, to rank January 26, 1863.

R. Tarleton, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant, First Alabama Battalion, to rank February 5, 1863.

S. G. Battle, jr., of Alabama, to be second lieutenant, First Alabama Battalion, February 10, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

RICHMOND, *February 28, 1863.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 27, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Commandant of conscripts and enrolling officers.

L. Peek, of Tennessee, to be major, for duty as commandant Camp of Instruction, Rogersville, Tenn., to rank February 4, 1863.

D. C. Pearson, of North Carolina, to be captain, for duty as enrolling officer, Ninth Congressional district, North Carolina, to rank February 2, 1863.

Howard Lindsley, of Missouri, to be captain for enrollment of conscripts in Arkansas, to rank February 16, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

RICHMOND, February 27, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I nominate the persons named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 27, 1863.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Navy, under act No. 331, approved December 24, 1861:

Lieutenants for the war.

John W. Murdaugh, of Virginia; William H. Odenheimer, of Georgia.

With much respect, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom had been referred (on the 13th ultimo) the nomination of W. H. T. Walker, to be brigadier-general, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of W. H. T. Walker as brigadier-general, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Davis (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 63) to increase the efficiency of the Army; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced the following bills; which were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs:

S. 64. A bill to provide for the staff of the commander of an army in the field;

S. 65. A bill to provide for the appointment of inspectors-general and additional quartermaster-generals and additional commissaries to serve for the war; and

S. 66. A bill to provide for the appointment of additional aids-de-camp.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, reported

A bill (S. 67) to declare the mode of paying salaries to officers in foreign parts;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 43) for the relief of the Brunswick and Albany Railroad Company, reported it with an amendment by way of substitute therefor.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of C. L. Schlatter, praying for relief for the Brunswick and Albany Railroad Company, in the State of Georgia.

Mr. Semmes submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Foreign Affairs be directed to inquire into the propriety and expediency of repealing so much of certain resolutions touching certain points of maritime law, and defining the position of the Confederate States in respect thereto, adopted by the Provisional Congress, as declares "that the neutral flag covers enemy's goods, with the exception of contraband of war."

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., March 3, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, covering copies of the reports of Generals Polk, Hardee, and Cheatham of the part borne by their commands in the battle of Shiloh, April 6 and 7, 1862.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 52) to fix the rank of officers in the military and naval service of the Confederate States holding commissions under the Provisional Government, when reappointed to offices of the same grade under the Permanent Government.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the bill by striking out, in the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh lines of the first section, the words "offices of the same grade under the Permanent Government, such officers so reappointed shall take rank, respectively, from the time fixed by the appointment under the Provisional Government," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "the same offices under the Permanent Government; and because of the organization of said Government, shall hold the same rank to which they were entitled previous to their said reappointment,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by adding thereto the following independent section:

SEC. 2. This act shall not be construed to interfere with the rights of officers resigned from the service of the United States and reappointed in the Confederate service, as fixed by the provisions of existing laws,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., March 3, 1863.

To the President of the Senate of the Confederate States:

I nominate the person named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, March 2, 1863.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Marine Corps:

Second lieutenant.

Edward F. Neufville, of Georgia.

With much respect, I am, sir, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Clay, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 47) making Columbia, S. C., a port of delivery for goods imported into Charleston, S. C., and Wilmington, N. C., reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Clay, from the Committee on Commerce, reported

A bill (S. 68) to abolish all ports of delivery in the Confederate States;

which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 5) relative to general orders issued from the Adjutant-General's Office, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 55) to vest in the Government, as a part of its postal system, all the rights of the American Telegraph Company in the telegraph lines within the Confederate States, and to provide for working the same, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, reported the following bills; which were severally read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed:

S. 69. A bill for the confiscation of the leasehold interest and shares of stock owned by the American Telegraph Company and other alien enemies in the lines of telegraph in the Confederate States; and

S. 70. A bill declaring the telegraph a part of the postal system of the Confederate States, and to provide for working the same.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., March 4, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, covering an estimate of additional funds required for the service of the Ordnance Bureau for the period ending June 30, 1863.

I recommend an appropriation of the amount for the purpose specified.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Caperton presented a memorial of citizens of Petersburg, Va., praying for relief from the forcible seizure of private property, without just compensation.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 9) to authorize and regulate the impressment of private property for the use of the Army and other military purposes.

On the question to agree to the following amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes, viz:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

That when by due diligence private property, essential for the use of the Army of the Confederate States, can not be procured or purchased by the persons hereinafter named, in cases of absolute necessity it may be taken in the following manner:

Sec. 2. That said property shall be taken by a bonded quartermaster or commis-

sary, or some person duly authorized by him in writing, which writing shall be exhibited to the owner or person having control of said property at the time and before the said quartermaster or commissary, or the person authorized as aforesaid, shall take the same.

SEC. 3. That the owner or person having control of said property, and the officer or person hereinbefore authorized to take the same, shall each select one disinterested citizen as appraisers from the neighborhood, district, or parish, unconnected with the Army, who shall take an oath that they are not interested in said property or appraisement, and that they will well and truly fix and determine the value thereof and the amount of compensation which may be just. And in case of disagreement between said appraisers, they shall choose a third citizen of said neighborhood, district, or parish, in like manner unconnected with the Army, as an umpire, to decide, under a like oath as aforesaid, the matters in dispute: *Provided*, That the said appraisers shall have the power, and it is hereby made their duty, to administer to each other all necessary oaths prescribed by this act to the same extent as belongs to any judge or justice of the peace in any State.

SEC. 4. That the officer or person taking private property as aforesaid for public use shall, at the time of said taking, pay to the owner, his agent or attorney, the compensation fixed by said appraisers, and shall also give to the owner or person controlling said property a certificate, over his official signature, specifying the battalion, regiment, brigade, division, or corps to which he belongs, that said property is essential for the use of the Army, could not be otherwise procured, and was taken through absolute necessity; setting forth the time and place when and where taken, the amount of compensation fixed by said appraisers, and the sum, if any, paid for the same. Said certificate shall be evidence for the owner, as well of the taking of said property for the public use, as the right of the owner to the amount of compensation fixed as aforesaid. And in case said officer or person taking said property shall have failed to pay the owner, his agent or attorney, said compensation as hereinbefore required, then said owner shall be entitled to the speedy payment of the same by the proper disbursing officer, which, when so paid, shall be in full satisfaction of all claim against the Government of the Confederate States.

SEC. 5. That before any officer or person authorized as aforesaid shall be entitled to take the private property of the owner for public use, under the provisions of this act, the said appraisers, upon their oaths to act faithfully and impartially between the owner and the Confederate Government, shall say that the said property is not essentially necessary for the support of the owner and his family and not absolutely required to carry on his ordinary agricultural and manufacturing business until the harvesting of the ensuing crop.

SEC. 6. That no officer shall take for the public use, and use and occupy the lands of any citizen of any State, except for posts, depots, ordnance purposes, fortifications, encampments, and battlefields, without his consent; nor take for use and occupation the houses of any citizen, nor quarter officers or troops therein without the consent of the owner, nor take and use his household furniture, except when such houses and furniture shall be absolutely necessary for hospital purposes for the use of the sick and wounded, and when suitable houses and furniture can not be otherwise, in the exercise of due diligence, procured to meet the emergency; which houses and furniture, when taken as aforesaid, shall be protected from injury as much as practicable and delivered up to the owners as soon as the emergency will allow.

SEC. 7. That a just compensation shall be paid to the owners, agents, or attorneys for the use and occupation of said houses and furniture by the proper disbursing officer, to be fixed by appraisers to be selected and sworn as aforesaid. The officer or surgeon taking said houses and furniture shall give the owner, his agent or attorney, a certificate, as hereinbefore required of quartermasters and commissaries, which shall be in like manner evidence for the owner of the taking of said houses and furniture for the public use, of the use and occupation of the same, and of his right to immediate compensation therefor.

SEC. 8. That any commissioned or noncommissioned officer or private who shall violate the provisions of this act shall be tried before the military court of the corps to which he is attached, on complaint made by the owner or other person, and on conviction, if an officer, he shall be cashiered and put into the ranks as a private, and if a private he shall suffer such punishment, not inconsistent with the military law, as the court may direct,

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes by striking out all after the word "persons," in the fourth line of the first section, and inserting the words

charged by law with the procurement or purchase of supplies for the Army of the Confederate States, after said persons have notified the public by advertising of the

necessities of the Army, and of the kind of supplies needed, and have offered to pay for the same the market price of said articles, on delivery at the place named in said notice, or at the plantation or place where the seller may choose to deliver it; in that event the following property may be taken for public use in the manner herein prescribed, viz: The facts constituting such failure to procure said property shall be duly reported in writing to the commander of the military district or department in which it shall occur, and in which such necessity exists, and such commanding officer shall then appoint an officer of the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, not below the rank of colonel, who shall be charged with the duty of impressing for public use such property, as may be allowed to be impressed by law, under a written order signed by the officer commanding said department, describing the kind and quantity of property needed by the Army, and the county or district in which said seizure is to be made, and which said order shall first be exhibited to the owner, agent, or person having said property in charge: *Provided*, That no provisions for man or beast shall be seized in the hands of the producer of the same, or of families who have purchased the same for private use, or of persons who have purchased the same for use of their employees, if said latter class shall make affidavit in writing that their stock of provisions is essential to the support of themselves and employees until the usual time for the incoming of the next crop of provisions. All the surplus in the hands of said latter class may be seized: *And provided further*, That no slaves, or horses, or mules, or wagons, or stock cattle, or hogs, owned on farms or plantations, shall be seized for public use.

SEC. 2. That the owner or person having control of said property, and the officer or person hereinbefore authorized to take the same, shall each select one disinterested citizen as appraisers from the neighborhood, unconnected with the Army, who shall take an oath that they are not interested in said property or appraisement, and that they will well and truly fix and determine the just market value thereof at the market town nearest said place where the property is seized, and the amount of compensation which may be just. And in case of disagreement between said appraisers, they shall choose a third citizen of said neighborhood, in like manner unconnected with the Army, as an umpire, to decide, under a like oath as aforesaid, the matters in dispute: *Provided*, That the said appraisers shall have the power, and it is hereby made their duty, to administer to each other all necessary oaths prescribed by this act, which shall carry with them the same obligations and penalties as if administered by any judge or justice of the peace in any State.

SEC. 3. That the officer taking private property as aforesaid for public use shall, at the time of said taking and before removal of the same, pay to the owner, his agent or attorney, the compensation fixed by said appraisers, and shall also give to the owner or person controlling said property a certificate, over his official signature, specifying the battalion, regiment, brigade, division, or corps to which he belongs, that said property is essential for the use of the Army, could not be otherwise procured, and was taken through absolute necessity; setting forth the time and place when and where taken, and specific description of the property seized, the amount of compensation fixed by said appraisers, and the sum paid for the same.

SEC. 4. That in case any slaves, horses, mules, or wagons shall be seized for temporary public use, just compensation for the use of the same, to be determined at market prices, per day or month, according to the provisions of the second section of this act, shall be paid in advance to the owner, agent, or person having charge of the same, for the period for which they shall be impressed, which period shall be set forth in the order of the commander of the department aforesaid; and a certificate for the same shall be given to the owner, agent, or person aforesaid, as provided in third section of this act: *Provided*, That the appraisers aforesaid, in addition to fixing the market value for the use of said property, shall also fix the market value of each article of property so taken for public use, which shall also be set forth severally and specifically in the certificate aforesaid to be given by the officer to the owner, agent, or person aforesaid; and in the event any of said property shall be lost or destroyed in the service of the Government, or shall not be returned by the Government at the expiration of the period for which said seizure was made, said certificate shall be evidence of the facts stated therein, and on proof of failure to return the property, or any part thereof, or of injury done to the same while in the service of the Government, the owner thereof shall be entitled to speedy payment for the same by the proper disbursing officer of the Government: *Provided, however*, That the Government shall not be responsible for loss of any of said property by death, unless produced by default or negligence of the Government or by act of the enemy.

SEC. 5. No seizure of private property for public use shall be made by any military authority other than is provided for in this act: *Provided, however*, That when in

immediate presence of the enemy the commander in chief may direct such seizure within his lines as in his judgment may be demanded by military exigency, for which the owner thereof shall be entitled to receive just compensation.

SEC. 6. That any commissioned or noncommissioned officer or private who shall violate the provisions of this act shall be tried before the military court of the corps to which he is attached, on complaint made by the owner or other person, and on conviction, if an officer, he shall be cashiered and put into the ranks as a private, and if a private he shall suffer such punishment, not inconsistent with military law, as the court may direct,

After debate,

Mr. Haynes demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being put,

It was determined in the negative.

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Semmes to the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That it be printed.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution (H. R. 6) of thanks to Gen. John H. Morgan, officers and men of his command; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 60) to authorize the appointment of a register and an additional clerk and a draftsman for the Navy Department.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment proposed to the bill by Mr. Henry, viz:

Add the following proviso:

Provided, They shall not be selected from persons who are within the ages of eighteen and forty-five, unless they are from disabled soldiers,

Mr. Henry (by leave) withdrew the same.

No amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the message of the President of the Confederate States transmitting an estimate of additional funds required for the service of the Ordnance Bureau for the period ending June 30, 1863, and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the message of the President in relation to the subject, reported

A joint resolution (S. 7) tendering the thanks of Congress to Capt. Raphael Semmes, of the Confederate steam sloop *Alabama*, and the

officers and crew under his command, for their good conduct in sinking the United States sloop Hatteras, on the 13th of January, 1863; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, the resolution was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved unanimously, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., March 5, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith communicate, for your information, a copy of an act of the legislature of South Carolina, offering a guaranty by that State of the bonds of the Confederate States; to which I invite your special attention.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The joint resolution (H. R. 6) of thanks to Gen. John H. Morgan, officers and men of his command, communicated this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 9) to authorize and regulate the impressment of private property for the use of the Army and other military purposes.

On the question to agree to the following amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes, viz:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

That when by due diligence private property, essential for the use of the Army of the Confederate States, can not be procured or purchased by the persons hereinbefore named, in cases of absolute necessity it may be taken in the following manner:

SEC. 2. That said property shall be taken by a bonded quartermaster or commissary, or some person duly authorized by him in writing, which writing shall be exhibited to the owner or person having control of said property at the time and before the said quartermaster or commissary, or the person authorized as aforesaid, shall take the same.

SEC. 3. That the owner or person having control of said property, and the officer or person hereinbefore authorized to take the same, shall each select one disinterested citizen as appraisers from the neighborhood, district, or parish, unconnected with the Army, who shall take an oath that they are not interested in said property or appraisement, and that they will well and truly fix and determine the value thereof and the amount of compensation which may be just. And in case of disagreement between said appraisers, they shall choose a third citizen of said neighborhood, district, or parish, in like manner unconnected with the Army, as an umpire, to decide, under a like oath as aforesaid, the matters in dispute: *Provided*, That the said appraisers shall have the power, and it is hereby made their duty, to administer to each other all necessary oaths prescribed by this act to the same extent as belongs to any judge or justice of the peace in any State.

SEC. 4. That the officer or person taking private property as aforesaid for public use shall, at the time of said taking, pay to the owner, his agent or attorney, the compensation fixed by said appraisers, and shall also give to the owner or person controlling said property a certificate, over his official signature, specifying the battalion, regiment, brigade, division, or corps to which he belongs, that said property is essential for the use of the Army, could not be otherwise procured, and was taken through absolute necessity; setting forth the time and place when and where taken, the amount of compensation fixed by said appraisers, and the sum, if any, paid for the same. Said certificate shall be evidence for the owner, as well of the taking of

said property for the public use, as the right of the owner to the amount of compensation fixed as aforesaid. And in case said officer or person taking said property shall have failed to pay the owner, his agent or attorney, said compensation as hereinbefore required, then said owner shall be entitled to the speedy payment of the same by the proper disbursing officer, which, when so paid, shall be in full satisfaction of all claim against the Government of the Confederate States.

Sec. 5. That before any officer or person authorized as aforesaid shall be entitled to take the private property of the owner for public use, under the provisions of this act, the said appraisers, upon their oaths to act faithfully and impartially between the owner and the Confederate Government, shall say that the said property is not essentially necessary for the support of the owner and his family and not absolutely required to carry on his ordinary agricultural and manufacturing business until the harvesting of the ensuing crop.

Sec. 6. That no officer shall take for the public use, and use and occupy the lands of any citizen of any State, except for posts, depots, ordnance purposes, fortifications, encampments, and battlefields, without his consent; nor take for use and occupation the houses of any citizen, nor quarter officers or troops therein without the consent of the owner, nor take and use his household furniture, except when such houses and furniture shall be absolutely necessary for hospital purposes for the use of the sick and wounded, and when suitable houses and furniture can not be otherwise, in the exercise of due diligence, procured to meet the emergency; which houses and furniture, when taken as aforesaid, shall be protected from injury as much as practicable and delivered up to the owners as soon as the emergency will allow.

Sec. 7. That a just compensation shall be paid to the owners, agents, or attorneys for the use and occupation of said houses and furniture by the proper disbursing officer, to be fixed by appraisers to be selected and sworn as aforesaid. The officer or surgeon taking said houses and furniture shall give the owner, his agent or attorney, a certificate, as hereinbefore required of quartermasters and commissaries, which shall be in like manner evidence for the owner of the taking of said houses and furniture for the public use, of the use and occupation of the same, and of his right to immediate compensation therefor.

Sec. 8. That any commissioned or noncommissioned officer or private who shall violate the provisions of this act shall be tried before the military court of the corps to which he is attached, on complaint made by the owner or other person, and on conviction, if an officer, he shall be cashiered and put into the ranks as a private, and if a private he shall suffer such punishment, not inconsistent with military law, as the court may direct,

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes by striking out the third section thereof and inserting:

That three commissioners shall be appointed by the President in each State, who shall be freeholders resident in the State for which they are appointed, and who shall hold their sessions at some place in that State, to be fixed by the Secretary of War, and who shall hold their offices for one year, and each of them shall receive an annual salary of dollars, payable quarterly. It shall be the duty of these commissioners to divide the State into one or more appraisement districts at their discretion, and proceed to fix the price or value to be paid to the owners of the leading articles of subsistence and forage that may be impressed in said appraisement districts for the use of the Army, and the price or value thus fixed in such districts shall be uniformly given therein by the Government agents; and the price or value to be paid as aforesaid shall be fixed by said commissioners from time to time and as often as in their judgment such price or value may require revision: *Provided*, That such price or value shall be revised at least once in every sixty days. In case there shall be any difference of opinion between the person owning the property impressed and the impressing agent in regard to the price to be paid, the person believing himself to be aggrieved may appeal to said commissioners, who shall give judgment at once upon the case, and such judgment shall be final. And the said commissioners shall give public notice of the price fixed by them as aforesaid, and the expense of such publication shall be paid by the Confederate States. But in case of the appeal hereinbefore provided for, the Government agent may take and use the property impressed before the decision of said appeal,

After debate,

Mr. Semmes modified his amendment by inserting before the word "price," in the ninth line, the words "just and fair."

On the question to agree to the said amendment as modified,

Mr. Haynes demanded the question; which was seconded, and
The question being put,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	12
	{ Nays	10

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Clay, Davis, Hill, Hunter, Maxwell, Orr, Peyton,
Phelan, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Caperton, Clark, Haynes, Henry, Johnson of Georgia, Mitchel, Oldham, Simms, and Yancey.

So the amendment as modified was agreed to.

A further amendment having been proposed by Mr. Haynes,
Ordered, That it be printed.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Orr presented a memorial of E. W. Walter and others, inspectors at the port of Charleston, S. C., praying for an increase of compensation; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 9) to authorize and regulate impressment of private property for the use of the Army and other military purposes.

On the question to agree to the following amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes, as amended, viz:

Strike out all after the enacting clause of the bill and insert:

That when by due diligence private property, essential for the use of the Army of the Confederate States, can not be procured or purchased by the persons herein-after named, in cases of absolute necessity it may be taken in the following manner:

SEC. 2. That said property shall be taken by a bonded quartermaster or commissary, or some person duly authorized by him in writing, which writing shall be exhibited to the owner or person having control of said property at the time and before the said quartermaster or commissary, or the person authorized as aforesaid, shall take the same.

SEC. 3. That three commissioners shall be appointed by the President in each State, who shall be freeholders resident in the State for which they are appointed, and who shall hold their sessions at some place in that State, to be fixed by the Secretary of War, and who shall hold their offices for one year, and each of them shall receive an annual salary of dollars, payable quarterly. It shall be the duty of these commissioners to divide the State into one or more appraisement districts at their discretion, and proceed to fix the just and fair price or value to be paid to the owners of the leading articles of subsistence and forage that may be impressed in said appraisement districts for the use of the Army, and the price or value thus fixed in such districts shall be uniformly given therein by the Government agents; and the price or value to be paid as aforesaid shall be fixed by said commissioners from time to time and as often as in their judgment such price or value may require revision: *Provided*, That such price or value shall be revised at least once in every sixty days. In case there shall be any difference of opinion between the person owning the property impressed and the impressing agent in regard to the price to be paid, the person believing himself to be aggrieved may appeal to said commissioners, who shall give judgment at once upon the case, and such judgment shall be final. And the said commissioners shall give public notice of the price fixed by them as aforesaid, and the expense of such publication shall be paid by the Confederate

States. But in case of the appeal hereinbefore provided for, the Government agent may take and use the property impressed before the decision of said appeal.

SEC. 4. That the officer or person taking private property as aforesaid for public use shall, at the time of said taking, pay to the owner, his agent or attorney, the compensation fixed by said appraisers, and shall also give to the owner or person controlling said property a certificate, over his official signature, specifying the battalion, regiment, brigade, division, or corps to which he belongs, that said property is essential for the use of the Army, could not be otherwise procured, and was taken through absolute necessity; setting forth the time and place when and where taken, the amount of compensation fixed by said appraisers, and the sum, if any, paid for the same. Said certificate shall be evidence for the owner, as well of the taking of said property for the public use, as the right of the owner to the amount of compensation fixed as aforesaid. And in case said officer or person taking said property shall have failed to pay the owner, his agent or attorney, said compensation as hereinbefore required, then said owner shall be entitled to the speedy payment of the same by the proper disbursing officer, which, when so paid, shall be in full satisfaction of all claim against the Government of the Confederate States.

SEC. 5. That before any officer or person authorized as aforesaid shall be entitled to take the private property of the owner for public use, under the provisions of this act, the said appraisers, upon their oaths to act faithfully and impartially between the owner and the Confederate Government, shall say that the said property is not essentially necessary for the support of the owner and his family and not absolutely required to carry on his ordinary agricultural and manufacturing business until the harvesting of the ensuing crop.

SEC. 6. That no officer shall take for the public use, and use and occupy the lands of any citizen of any State, except for posts, depots, ordnance purposes, fortifications, encampments, and battlefields, without his consent, nor take for use and occupation the houses of any citizen, nor quarter officers or troops therein without the consent of the owner, nor take and use his household furniture, except when such houses and furniture shall be absolutely necessary for hospital purposes for the use of the sick and wounded, and when suitable houses and furniture can not be otherwise, in the exercise of due diligence, procured to meet the emergency; which houses and furniture, when taken as aforesaid, shall be protected from injury as much as practicable and delivered up to the owners as soon as the emergency will allow.

SEC. 7. That a just compensation shall be paid to the owners agents, or attorneys for the use and occupation of said houses and furniture by the proper disbursing officer, to be fixed by appraisers to be selected and sworn as aforesaid. The officer or surgeon taking said houses and furniture shall give the owner, his agent or attorney, a certificate, as hereinbefore required of quartermasters and commissaries, which shall be in like manner evidence for the owner of the taking of said houses and furniture for the public use, of the use and occupation of the same, and of his right to immediate compensation therefor.

SEC. 8. That any commissioned or noncommissioned officer or private who shall violate the provisions of this act shall be tried before the military court of the corps to which he is attached, on complaint made by the owner or other person, and on conviction, if an officer, he shall be cashiered and put into the ranks as a private, and if a private he shall suffer such punishment, not inconsistent with military law, as the court may direct,

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the proposed amendment by inserting after the third section the following additional proviso:

Provided further, That said price or value shall be so fixed as to give just compensation, according to quality and quantity, of said articles, and that all forage and subsistence taken after the passage of this act, and before the organization of the board of commissioners, shall be paid for at the prices first fixed by the commissioners under this act: *And provided further*, That said commissioners shall be appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes by inserting at the end of the third section, as amended, the following additional proviso:

And provided further, That when the owner or person having control of forage or subsistence taken under this act shall, in consequence of special circumstances affecting the value of the articles taken, deem himself aggrieved by the value assessed in

the schedule of prices published by the commissioners, he may accept the price allowed by said schedule and appeal to the commissioners for redress as to the excess claimed, and the commissioners are hereby empowered to hear and determine such appeal, and receive testimony in relation thereto, under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of War; and in case an excess be allowed by the commissioners on the hearing of such appeal, the amount of such excess shall be paid to the appellant or his legal representatives,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes by striking out the fourth section thereof and inserting:

SEC. 4. That whenever private property, other than forage or subsistence, shall be taken for public use as aforesaid, the owner or person having control of said property, and the officer or person hereinbefore authorized to take the same, shall each select one disinterested citizen as appraisers from the neighborhood, district, or parish, unconnected with the Army, who shall take an oath that they are not interested in said property or appraisement, and that they will well and truly fix and determine the value thereof and the amount of compensation which may be just. And in case of disagreement between said appraisers, they shall choose a third citizen of said neighborhood, district, or parish, in like manner unconnected with the Army, as an umpire, to decide, under a like oath as aforesaid, the matters in dispute: *Provided*, That the said appraisers shall have the power, and it is hereby made their duty, to administer to each other all necessary oaths prescribed by this act to the same extent as belongs to any judge or justice of the peace in any State: *Provided further*, That if the owner or person having the control of said property shall fail or refuse to appoint an appraiser as aforesaid, the officer or person authorized to take the same may appoint both appraisers, who shall proceed to make the appraisement in the manner hereinbefore mentioned, and in case of disagreement, to call in an umpire as aforesaid,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Henry, to amend the portion of the bill proposed to be stricken out by striking out the third section thereof and inserting:

SEC. 3. That commissioners shall be appointed in each State, as is hereinafter provided, who shall reside and hold their sessions at some place in that State, to be fixed by the Secretary of War, and who shall hold their offices for one year, and each of them receive an annual salary of dollars. One of these commissioners shall be appointed by the President of the Confederate States, and one by the governor of the State for which the board may be constituted, and in case of a difference of opinion between the two in regard to any decision or order to be made by the board, they may call in a third person to decide the matter in dispute, and this person shall receive such compensation, not exceeding dollars per diem and reasonable mileage, as the Secretary of War may prescribe; but the whole expenses of the said board shall be defrayed by the Confederate Government. If the governor of any State shall refuse or neglect to appoint such commissioner, within ten days after a request to do so by the President of the Confederate States, then the said President shall appoint three commissioners, whose salaries and term of office shall be such as above prescribed, and who shall exercise the powers herein vested in said board. It shall be the duty of these commissioners to divide the State into one or more appraisement districts at their discretion, and within fifteen days from the organization of said board, to fix the prices of the leading articles of subsistence and forage, and of such things as may be necessary for transportation. These prices shall be fixed and published at periods of two months, successively, from the time of the first action of the board until the conclusion of the war. The prices shall be fixed for the district or districts by ascertaining and declaring, as nearly as may be practicable, a just compensation for the leading articles of forage and subsistence so impressed for the public use. The prices thus fixed for a particular district shall be uniformly given by the Government agents. If there shall be any difference between the person owning property impressed and the impressing agent, in regard to the price to be paid, the person believing himself to be so aggrieved may appeal to the said board, who shall give judgment at once upon the case. But if the appellant produce witnesses, he must pay the expense of their attendance, and nothing herein contained shall prevent the appellant from receiving the price offered and appealing for the excess,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the portion of the bill proposed to be stricken out by striking out the first section thereof and inserting:

That when by due diligence private property, essential for the use of the Army of the Confederate States, can not be procured or purchased by the persons hereinafter named, in cases of absolute necessity it may be taken in the following manner:

SEC. 2. That said property shall be taken by a bonded quartermaster or commissary, or some person duly authorized by him in writing, which writing shall be exhibited to the owner or person having control of said property at the time and before the said quartermaster or commissary, or the person authorized as aforesaid, shall take the same,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the portion of the bill proposed to be stricken out by striking out the sixth section thereof and inserting:

SEC. 6. That no officer shall take for the public use, and use and occupy the lands of any citizen of any State, except for posts, depots, ordnance purposes, fortifications, encampments, and battlefields, without his consent; nor take for use and occupation the houses of any citizen, nor quarter officers or troops therein without the consent of the owner, nor take and use his household furniture, except when such houses and furniture shall be absolutely necessary for hospital purposes for the use of the sick and wounded, and when suitable houses and furniture can not be otherwise, in the exercise of due diligence, procured to meet the emergency; which houses and furniture, when taken as aforesaid, shall be protected from injury as much as practicable and delivered up to the owners as soon as the emergency will allow.

SEC. 7. That a just compensation shall be paid to the owners, agents, or attorneys for the use and occupation of said houses and furniture by the proper disbursing officer, to be fixed by appraisers to be selected and sworn as aforesaid. The officer or surgeon taking said houses and furniture shall give the owner, his agent or attorney, a certificate, as hereinbefore required of quartermasters and commissaries, which shall be in like manner evidence for the owner of the taking of said houses and furniture for the public use, of the use and occupation of the same, and of his right to immediate compensation therefor.

SEC. 8. That any commissioned or noncommissioned officer or private who shall violate the provisions of this act shall be tried before the military court of the corps to which he is attached, on complaint made by the owner or other person, and on conviction, if an officer, he shall be cashiered and put into the ranks as a private, and if a private he shall suffer such punishment, not inconsistent with military law, as the court may direct,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Simms, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes by inserting at the end of the third section thereof, as amended, the following additional proviso:

And provided further, That any property which shall be taken for the public use under the provisions of this act, which was owned and possessed by a bona fide holder prior to the first day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, shall in no case be taken at a price less than the price paid for the same by the said bona fide holder thereof, unless said property, at the time of such taking, shall actually, in the market, have depreciated in value to a price less than the last price paid for the same,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	3
	{ Nays	21

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Simms, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Clark, Clay, Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, Peyton, Phelan, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes by striking out all after the word "That," in the second line of the first section, and inserting:

when any officer in the military service of the Confederate States in command of troops, or charged with the duty of supplying an army, shall impress into the public service any property belonging to a citizen of any of the Confederate States, or to any peaceful resident of the same, such officer shall, before appropriating the same to the public use, cause a valuation and appraisement thereof, upon proof of value, to be made by three or more disinterested citizens, if it can be done without injurious delay, and if the appraisement shall seem just and fair, he shall indorse upon it his approval, if not, he shall indorse on it his reasons for refusing, and deliver the same, together with a receipt for the property impressed, to the owner, his agent or attorney, and as soon as practicable forward a copy of the receipt and appraisement and his indorsement thereon to the head of the Department having charge of the species of property taken. Where an appraisement can not be conveniently made, he shall deliver a receipt to the owner, his agent or attorney, and forward a copy as above directed.

SEC. 2. That the persons selected to appraise property impressed as provided in the first section, shall in all cases, before acting, take and subscribe an oath that the appraisement they are called upon to make shall be just, and, as near as they can estimate the same, a fair value of the impressed property.

SEC. 3. Where property is impressed, and after temporary use or service it is returned to the owner, his agent or attorney, the value of such use or service shall be ascertained and acted upon as directed in the foregoing section.

SEC. 4. That upon the production of the receipt of the officer for property impressed and the valuation of the same, or for the use and service of such when returned to the owner, approved by said officer, it shall be the duty of the proper disbursing officer to pay the amount thereof to the owner of such property, his agent or attorney, as in the case of property duly purchased or hired, and the acceptance of pay from Government shall, in all cases, operate as a release of all claim or right of action against the officer taking the property or ordering it to be done. Where there has been no appraisement in valuation, or where such appraisement and valuation is not approved by the officer taking the property, the claim shall be referred to the proper accounting officer of the Government, to be settled according to the principles of equity and justice.

SEC. 5. That any officer in the military service of the Confederate States who shall wantonly or oppressively impress or take any property of a citizen of any of the Confederate States, or of a peaceful resident of the same, or who shall do so except when necessary to avert impending danger, or to prosecute successfully important military operations, shall be deemed a trespasser, and held liable for damages as such to any citizen or resident so deprived of his property, to be recovered in any court having jurisdiction in the premises, and shall further be tried before a court-martial or military court, and on conviction shall be dismissed the service,

Mr. Burnett demanded the question; which was seconded, and
The question being put,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 12
Nays 12

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Clark, Clay, Davis, Dortch, Maxwell,
Mitchel, Oldham, Phelan, Wigfall, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Caperton, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson
of Georgia, Orr, Peyton, Semmes, Simms, and Sparrow.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes,
as amended,

Mr. Semmes demanded the question; which was seconded, and
The question being put,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 14
Nays 10

On motion by Mr. Semmes,
The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,
Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Clay, Davis, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Maxwell, Orr, Peyton, Phelan, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,
Messrs. Brown, Caperton, Clark, Dortch, Haynes, Johnson of Georgia, Mitchel, Oldham, Simms, and Yancey.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, that the last-mentioned vote be reconsidered.

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ----- 14
Nays ----- 9

On motion by Mr. Semmes,
The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,
Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Clay, Haynes, Hunter, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Phelan, Simms, Wigfall, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,
Messrs. Barnwell, Davis, Henry, Hill, Johnson of Georgia, Orr, Peyton, Semmes, and Sparrow.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, the vote on rejecting the amendment proposed by Mr. Wigfall to the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes, as amended, was also reconsidered.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said amendment last mentioned; and on the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ----- 13
Nays ----- 10

On motion by Mr. Orr,
The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,
Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Clay, Davis, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Phelan, Simms, Wigfall, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,
Messrs. Barnwell, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Orr, Peyton, Semmes, and Sparrow.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes, as amended, by adding thereto the following independent section:

SEC. —. That no impressment of private property shall be made except in cases where the public peril or danger is imminent and immediate, or the military necessity so urgent as not to admit of delay: *Provided*, That where the officer disapproves of the valuation made by the appraisers, or none may be made, in such case the party whose property may have been taken may institute suit for the value or damages in any court of the Confederate States, if he shall not be satisfied with the decision of the accounting officer of the Government,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Davis, that the Senate resolve into executive session,

It was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Yancey,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ----- 9
Nays ----- 14

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Caperton, Haynes, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Peyton, Simms, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Clark, Clay, Davis, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Orr, Phelan, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes, as amended, by adding thereto the following independent section:

SEC. —. That property necessary for the support of the owner and his family, and necessary to carry on his ordinary agricultural and manufacturing business until the harvesting of the next crop, shall not be taken for the public use; to be ascertained by the oath of the appraisers hereinbefore authorized, when the owner and officer can not agree, and the decision of the appraisers shall be binding on the officer,

Mr. Haynes demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being put,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes, as amended, by adding thereto the following independent section:

SEC. —. That previous to the first day of October next, no slave laboring on a farm or plantation, exclusively devoted to the production of grain and provisions, shall be taken for the public use without the consent of the owner,

Mr. Haynes demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being put,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Davis, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes, as amended, by adding thereto the following independent section:

SEC. —. That previous to the first day of October next, no slave laboring on a farm or plantation, exclusively devoted to the production of grain and provisions, shall be taken for the public use without the consent of the owner, except in cases of urgent necessity,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Orr, that the bill and amendments be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

On motion by Orr,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Lamar:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill of the Senate (S. 11) to provide for the further issue of Treasury notes, and for other purposes, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 11) last mentioned; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.
On motion by Mr. Sparrow,
The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Richmond, March 5, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 27, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotions in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

Lieut. Col. J. Q. A. Nadenbousch, of Virginia, to be colonel Second Virginia Regiment, vice Col. L. Botts, died of wounds September 16, 1862.

Lieut. Col. E. Pendleton, of Louisiana, to be colonel Fifteenth Louisiana Regiment, vice Colonel Nicholls, appointed brigadier-general October 14, 1862.

Lieut. Col. R. W. MacGavock, of Tennessee, to be colonel Tenth Tennessee Regiment, vice Col. A. Heiman, died November 6, 1862.

Lieut. Col. Jack Thorington, of Georgia, to be colonel Hilliard's Legion, vice Col. H. W. Hilliard, resigned December 1, 1862.

Lieut. Col. A. S. Vandeventer, of Virginia, to be colonel Fiftieth Virginia Regiment, vice Col. Thomas Poage, killed January 30, 1863.

Lieut. Col. James W. Jackson, of Alabama, to be colonel Forty-seventh Alabama Regiment, vice Col. J. M. Oliver, resigned August 21, 1862.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. R. T. Colston, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Second Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Nadenbousch, promoted September 16, 1862.

Maj. Rich. W. Turner, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel Nineteenth Louisiana Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. W. P. Winans, promoted July 17, 1862.

Maj. E. M. Feild, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twelfth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. F. L. Taylor, died October 3, 1862.

Maj. James R. Herbert, of Maryland, to be lieutenant-colonel First Maryland Battalion, vice Lieut. Col. B. T. Johnson, transferred October 28, 1862.

Maj. McG. Goodwyn, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifteenth Louisiana Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Pendleton, promoted October 14, 1862.

Maj. Joseph H. Hyman, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirteenth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Ruffin, appointed presiding judge of military court, December 16, 1862.

Maj. James H. May, of Arkansas, to be lieutenant-colonel Fourth Arkansas Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Bunn, promoted November 4, 1862.

Maj. William Grace, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Tenth Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. R. W. MacGavock, promoted November 6, 1862.

Maj. J. N. Dorsey, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-seventh Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Stubbs, resigned January 10, 1863.

Maj. Jos. F. Waring, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Jeff. Davis Legion, vice Lieut. Col. W. T. Martin, appointed brigadier-general December 2, 1862.

Maj. T. V. Walsh, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Holcombe Legion, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Palmer, died December 5, 1862.

Maj. M. J. Bulger, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-seventh Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Johnston, resigned September 13, 1862.

Maj. L. H. N. Salyer, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fiftieth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Vandeventer, promoted January 30, 1863.

Majors.

Capt. James W. Newton, of Virginia, to be major Fifth Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. H. J. Williams, promoted August 29, 1862.

Capt. Loudon Butler, of Louisiana, to be major Nineteenth Louisiana Regiment, vice Maj. R. W. Turner, promoted July 17, 1862.

Capt. J. R. Lewellen, of Virginia, to be major Twelfth Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. E. M. Feild, promoted October 3, 1862.

Capt. John C. Van Hook, of North Carolina, to be major Fiftieth North Carolina Regiment, vice Maj. G. Wortham, promoted December 31, 1862.

Capt. N. A. Isom, of Mississippi, to be major Twenty-ninth Mississippi Regiment, vice Maj. J. B. Morgan, promoted January 25, 1863.

Capt. J. B. McColloch, of Arkansas, to be major Fourth Arkansas Regiment, vice Maj. J. H. May, promoted November 4, 1862.

Capt. William G. Conner, of Mississippi, to be major Jeff. Davis Legion, vice Maj. J. F. Waring, promoted December 2, 1862.

Capt. Evan Rice, of Virginia, to be major Fifty-fifth Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. W. N. Ward, died June 30, 1862.

Capt. James M. Campbell, of Alabama, to be major Forty-seventh Alabama Regiment, vice Maj. M. J. Bulger, promoted September 13, 1862.

Capt. L. J. Perkins, of Virginia, to be major Fiftieth Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. L. H. N. Salyer, promoted January 30, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, March 5, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 16, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Major-generals.

Brig. Gen. S. G. French, of Mississippi, to be major-general, to rank August 31, 1862.

Brig. Gen. John H. Forney, of Alabama, to be major-general, to rank October 27, 1862.

Brig. Gen. D. H. Maury, of Virginia, to be major-general, to rank November 4, 1862.

Brig. Gen. M. L. Smith, of Florida, to be major-general, to rank November 4, 1862.

Brig. Gen. John G. Walker, of Missouri, to be major-general, to rank November 8, 1862.

Brig. Gen. Arnold Elzey, of Maryland, to be major-general, to rank December 4, 1862.

Brig. Gen. P. R. Cleburne, of Arkansas, to be major-general, to rank December 13, 1862.

Brig. Gen. F. Gardner, of Louisiana, to be major-general, to rank December 13, 1862.

Brig. Gen. D. S. Donelson, of Tennessee, to be major-general, to rank January 17, 1863.

Brig. Gen. E. Johnson, of Virginia, to be major-general, to rank February 28, 1863.

Brig. Gen. W. H. C. Whiting, of Mississippi, to be major-general, to rank February 28, 1863.

Brigadier-generals.

Col. Francis T. Nicholls, of Louisiana, to be brigadier-general, to rank October 14, 1862.

Lieut. Col. R. H. Chilton, Confederate States Army, of Virginia, to be brigadier-general, to rank October 20, 1862.

- Col. Preston Smith, of Tennessee, to be brigadier-general, to rank October 27, 1862.
 Col. Alfred Cumming, of Georgia, to be brigadier-general, to rank October 29, 1862.
 Col. William S. Walker, of Florida, to be brigadier-general, to rank October 30, 1862.
 Col. Joseph Wheeler, of Georgia, to be brigadier-general, to rank October 30, 1862.
 Col. George Doles, of Georgia, to be brigadier-general, to rank November 1, 1862.
 Col. Carnot Posey, of Mississippi, to be brigadier-general, to rank November 1, 1862.
 Col. M. D. Corse, of Virginia, to be brigadier-general, to rank November 1, 1862.
 Col. G. T. Anderson, of Georgia, to be brigadier-general, to rank November 1, 1862.
 Col. Alfred Iverson, of North Carolina, to be brigadier-general, to rank November 1, 1862.
 Col. James H. Lane, of North Carolina, to be brigadier-general, to rank November 1, 1862.
 Col. E. L. Thomas, of Georgia, to be brigadier-general, to rank November 1, 1862.
 Col. S. D. Ramseur, of North Carolina, to be brigadier-general, to rank November 1, 1862.
 Col. J. R. Cooke, of Maryland, to be brigadier-general, to rank November 1, 1862.
 Col. J. B. Robertson, of Texas, to be brigadier-general, to rank November 1, 1862.
 Maj. E. F. Paxton, of Virginia, to be brigadier-general, to rank November 4, 1862.
 Col. Evander McNair, of Arkansas, to be brigadier-general, to rank November 4, 1862.
 Col. W. G. M. Davis, of Florida, to be brigadier-general, to rank November 4, 1862.
 Col. Archibald Gracie, jr., of Alabama, to be brigadier-general, to rank November 4, 1862.
 Col. W. R. Boggs, of Georgia, to be brigadier-general, to rank November 4, 1862.
 Col. James C. Tappan, of Arkansas, to be brigadier-general, to rank November 5, 1862.
 Col. Dandridge McRae, of Arkansas, to be brigadier-general, to rank November 5, 1862.
 Col. M. Monroe Parsons, of Arkansas, to be brigadier-general, to rank November 5, 1862.
 Col. Stephen D. Lee, of South Carolina, to be brigadier-general, to rank November 6, 1862.
 Col. John Pegram, of Virginia, to be brigadier-general, to rank November 7, 1862.
 Col. John A. Wharton, of Texas, to be brigadier-general, to rank November 18, 1862.
 Col. A. Buford, of Kentucky, to be brigadier-general, to rank September 2, 1862.
 Col. William T. Martin, of Mississippi, to be brigadier-general, to rank December 2, 1862.
 Col. John H. Morgan, of Tennessee, to be brigadier-general, to rank December 11, 1862.
 Lieut. Col. Marcus J. Wright, of Tennessee, to be brigadier-general, to rank December 13, 1862.
 Col. Z. C. Deas, of Alabama, to be brigadier-general, to rank December 13, 1862.
 Col. R. W. Hanson, of Kentucky, to be brigadier-general, to rank December 13, 1862.
 Col. Lucius E. Polk, of Arkansas, to be brigadier-general, to rank December 13, 1862.
 Col. James Cantey, of Alabama, to be brigadier-general, to rank January 8, 1863.
 Col. W. H. Jackson, of Tennessee, to be brigadier-general, to rank January 29, 1862.
 Lieut. Col. Camillus J. Polignac, Confederate States Army, of France, to be brigadier-general, to rank January 10, 1863.
 Col. Alfred E. Jackson, of Tennessee, to be brigadier-general, to rank February 9, 1863.

Aids-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenant.

Andrew J. Watt, of Louisiana, September 2, 1862; James H. Bate, of Tennessee, October 14, 1862; Virginius Dabney, of Mississippi, June 25, 1862; Thomas L. Macon, of Louisiana, September 18, 1862; H. M. Stanard, of Virginia, October 14, 1862; B. H. Blanton, of Texas, April 1, 1862; J. L. Bostick, of Tennessee, September 24, 1862; W. W. Wilkins, of Arkansas, September 1, 1862; Thomas J. Beall, of Texas, October 9, 1862; Charles G. Elliott, of North Carolina, August 2, 1862; Jesse W. Sparks, of Texas, September 11, 1862; J. E. Drayton, of South Carolina, September 26, 1862; Charles McCann, of Virginia, September 21, 1862; Samuel J. Corrie, of South Carolina, September 22, 1862; William M. Peyton, of Virginia, September 20, 1862; E. Cunningham, of Virginia, November 4, 1862; John Dunlop, of Virginia, October 29, 1862; George H. Geiger, of Virginia, November 5, 1862; Henry B. Lee, of Virginia, November 8, 1862; C. F. Hampton, of South Carolina, September 30, 1862; Samuel P. Jones, of Georgia, October 27, 1862; R. H. Morrison, jr., of North Caro-

lina, October 20, 1862; Lamar Cobb, of Georgia, September 27, 1862; E. Kearney, of Mississippi, October 25, 1862; Alfred M. Erwin, of North Carolina, November 7, 1862; F. B. Rodgers, of Tennessee, October 28, 1862; Hugh F. Patton, of Virginia, November 9, 1862; W. S. Symington, of Virginia, October 10, 1862; J. C. H. Bryant, of Virginia, November 14, 1862; James Battle, of Alabama, October 29, 1862; D. W. Sanders, of North Carolina, November 5, 1862; W. M. Hopkins, of Virginia, November 10, 1862; J. F. Ranson, of Virginia, November 20, 1862; Frank Steiner, of Georgia, November 10, 1862; Charles H. Rundell, of Tennessee, October 11, 1862; William H. Wagner, of South Carolina, November 18, 1862; Henry B. Estes, of Virginia, November 25, 1862; Clifton Walker, of Alabama, November 3, 1862; C. H. Richmond, of North Carolina, November 1, 1862; Alexander Rose, of Georgia, December 2, 1862; R. B. George, of Kentucky, December 4, 1862; Patrick Hamilton, of Mississippi, October 28, 1862; Albert Belding, of Arkansas, November 5, 1862; J. Little Smith, of Alabama, November 21, 1862; T. P. Hampton, of South Carolina, November 8, 1862; Charles M. Davis, of Florida, November 11, 1862; Oscar Lane, of Virginia, September 17, 1862; T. B. Thompson, of Tennessee, September 20, 1862; W. C. Carrington, of Arkansas, November 19, 1862; W. W. Herr, of Kentucky, December 1, 1862; J. A. Shingleur, of Georgia, December 8, 1862; Robert Boggs, of Georgia, December 4, 1862; D. B. Taylor, of Florida, November 22, 1862; Thomas C. Jackson, of Georgia, November 8, 1862; G. S. Worthington, of Florida, November 25, 1862; S. D. Shannon, of South Carolina, December 4, 1862; William McWillie, of Mississippi, December 4, 1862; John G. Scott, of Texas, November 12, 1862; Henry T. Botts, of Virginia, December 26, 1862; G. B. Lamar, of Georgia, December 25, 1862; C. T. Widney, of Virginia, September 25, 1862; E. B. Cherry, of Georgia, November 4, 1862; E. L. Lewis, of Georgia, December 1, 1862; John T. Ector, of Georgia, December 18, 1862; Farrar B. Conner, of Mississippi, January 8, 1863; J. T. Brown, of Tennessee, December 24, 1862; James C. Randle, of Tennessee, December 19, 1862; John S. Smith, of Texas, December 27, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Richmond, March 5, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, March 2, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Brigade quartermasters, with the rank of major.

J. L. Schon, of Tennessee, to be assigned to duty by Quartermaster-General, to rank November 1, 1862.

H. M. Folsom, of Tennessee, for duty with Brig. Gen. A. E. Jackson's brigade, to rank February 9, 1863.

J. C. Tappan, of Arkansas, for duty with Brigadier-General Tappan's brigade, to rank January 26, 1863.

G. W. Melton, of South Carolina, for duty with Brig. Gen. B. H. Robertson's brigade, to rank February 21, 1863.

Thomas J. Scurry, of Texas, for duty with Brig. Gen. W. R. Scurry's brigade, to rank November 10, 1862.

P. M. Doherty, of Mississippi, for duty with Brig. Gen. W. Barksdale's brigade, to rank February 10, 1863.

James W. Wilson, of North Carolina, for duty with Brig. Gen. S. D. Ramseur's brigade, to rank February 28, 1863.

W. B. Richards, of Virginia, to be assigned to duty by Quartermaster-General, to rank January 5, 1863.

Assistant quartermasters, with the rank of captain.

James M. Grissim, of Mississippi, for duty with Twelfth Mississippi Battalion, to rank January 27, 1863.

C. B. Duncan, of Virginia, for duty with Thirty-seventh Virginia Cavalry Battalion, to rank August 2, 1863.

W. V. Deaderick, of Tennessee, report to Quartermaster-General for duty in East Tennessee, to rank February 16, 1863.

H. G. Robertson, of Tennessee, report to Quartermaster-General for duty at Carter's Station, East Tennessee, to rank February 16, 1863.

G. A. Pope, of Tennessee, for duty with Ninth Tennessee Battalion, to rank December 30, 1862.

John A. Small, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, to rank February 1, 1863.

Charles P. Cooper, of Florida, for duty with First Florida Battalion, to rank February 2, 1863.

Thomas V. Sanford, of Virginia, for duty with Forty-seventh Virginia Regiment, to rank September 15, 1863.

L. N. Sheppard, of Mississippi, for duty with Forty-sixth Mississippi Regiment, to rank February 11, 1863.

William H. Briggs, of Georgia, for duty with Fiftieth Georgia Regiment, to rank January 31, 1863.

W. J. Ferguson, of Arkansas, for duty with Fourth Arkansas Regiment, to rank March 20, 1862.

John Logan, of Georgia, for duty with Fifty-second Georgia Regiment, to rank December 18, 1862.

W. C. Scott, of Virginia, for duty with artillery battalion attached to Gen. A. P. Hill's division, to rank January 23, 1863.

John H. Keyser, of Mississippi, for duty with Tenth Mississippi Battalion, to rank December 26, 1862.

T. S. Hays, of Tennessee, for duty at Clinton, Tenn., to rank February 21, 1863.

J. A. Kerby, of Tennessee, for duty with Thirty-seventh Tennessee Regiment, to rank January 17, 1863.

Clayton Wilson, of Alabama, for duty with Hilliard's Legion, to rank February 16, 1863.

John A. Preston, of Virginia, for duty with Thirty-seventh Virginia Regiment, to rank January 15, 1863.

Richard F. Langdon, of North Carolina, for duty with Third North Carolina Regiment, to rank January 29, 1863.

D. R. Murchison, of North Carolina, for duty with Fifty-fourth North Carolina Regiment, to rank February 4, 1863.

J. Harris Forbes, of Virginia, for duty with Forty-seventh Virginia Battalion, to rank February 28, 1863.

Thomas A. Roberts, of Virginia, for duty with Twenty-second Virginia Regiment, to rank November 1, 1862.

E. H. Lane, of Virginia, for duty with Forty-eighth Virginia Battalion, to rank February 21, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of W. Winder Pollock, to be first lieutenant; Edward F. Neufville and Albert S. Berry, to be second lieutenants; John W. Murdaugh and William H. Odenheimer, to be lieutenants for the war; William D. Harrison, to be surgeon, reported, with the recommendation that said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to their respective nominations by the President.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom were referred (on the 4th ultimo) the nominations of William Goldsberry, to be postmaster at Newnan, Ga., and James A. Tallman, to be postmaster at Greensboro, Ala., reported, with the recommendation that said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to their respective nominations by the President.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Clay (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 71) to repeal the naturalization laws; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Maxwell (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 8) relating to the production of provisions; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, the resolution was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the resolution now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas -----	24
	{ Nays -----	0

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Clay, Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, Wigfall, and Yancey.

In the negative, none.

So it was

Resolved unanimously, That this resolution pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the Hon. Herschel V. Johnson have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate.

Mr. Sparrow submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of having the laws appertaining to military and naval affairs digested and published, with such notes referring to the army and navy regulations and the articles of war as may be thought necessary to make the publication convenient for use by the officers of the Army and Navy.

Mr. Dortch (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 72) to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts," approved October 9, 1862; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That the report (No. 5) of the Committee on Commerce on the joint resolution (S. 4) in relation to the free navigation of the Mississippi River, be reprinted.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Semmes on the 3d instant, inquiring into the propriety and expediency of repealing so much of certain resolutions touching certain points of maritime law, and defining the position of the Confederate States in respect thereto, adopted by the Provisional Congress, as declares "that the neutral flag covers enemy's goods, with the exception of contraband of war."

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

Ordered, That the said resolution be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the following bills:

S. 64. A bill to provide for the staff of the commander of an army in the field;

S. 65. A bill to provide for the appointment of inspectors-general and additional quartermaster-generals and additional commissaries to serve for the war; and

S. 66. A bill to provide for the appointment of additional aids-de-camp;

reported them severally without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That they lie upon the table.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 73) to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Yancey on the 20th of February last, inquiring into the expediency of the repeal, or the modification in such manner as to prevent frauds, of the act allowing paymasters to pay soldiers without descriptive lists.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 58) to establish a volunteer navy, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That it be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar and that it be printed.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 17) to aid committees of Congress in the inves-

tigation of matters referred to them, and to punish false swearing before said committees, reported it with an amendment.

Ordered, That the bill and amendment be printed.

Mr. Clay, from the joint committee appointed to investigate the management of the Naval Department under its present head, submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the joint committee appointed to investigate the management of the Naval Department under its present head be authorized to print the testimony taken before them in pursuance of the instructions of the joint resolution of the two Houses of Congress.

Mr. Henry submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Whereas information has been received, which is believed to be reliable, to the effect that the enemy are in the habit of disregarding the parole of prisoners taken by our Army, and of ordering them again into their service before they have been exchanged; it is therefore

Resolved, That the Committee on Foreign Affairs be instructed to inquire into the facts of the case and to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 9) to authorize and regulate the impressment of private property for the use of the Army and other military purposes.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the portion of the bill proposed to be stricken out by inserting after the seventh section the following independent section:

SEC. —. That no slaves laboring on any farm or plantation devoted exclusively to the production of grain and provisions shall be impressed previous to the first day of December next, except in cases of urgent necessity, and when the slaves so needed can not be otherwise procured.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Hill by inserting after the word "plantation," in the second line thereof, the words "on which nine-tenths of the labor are,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Hill by striking out the word "next," in the fifth line thereof, and inserting the words "nor after the first of February of each year,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Hill, as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the portion of the bill proposed to be stricken out by striking out, section 3, lines 3, 4, and 5, the words "except under circumstances of extreme urgency, to be declared in the order of the commanding general,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the portion of the bill proposed to be stricken out by striking out, section 4, lines 15 and 16, the words "which application is to be made only in extreme cases" and inserting the words

and what amount of supplies and other property is necessary for the use and cultivation of said farm or plantation,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the amendment heretofore proposed by Mr. Haynes, as amended,

It was determined in the negative.	{ Yeas -----	10
	{ Nays -----	15

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Clay, Davis, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Caperton, Clark, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Peyton, Phelan, Simms, and Yancey.

So the amendment as amended was rejected.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting:

That three commissioners shall be appointed by the President in each State, who shall be freeholders resident in the State for which they are appointed, and who shall hold their sessions at some place in that State, to be fixed by the Secretary of War, and who shall hold their offices for one year, and each of them shall receive an annual salary of _____ dollars, payable quarterly. It shall be the duty of these commissioners to divide the State into one or more appraisement districts at their discretion, and proceed to fix the just and fair price or value to be paid to the owners of the leading articles of subsistence and forage that may be impressed in said appraisement districts for the use of the Army, and the price or value thus fixed in such districts shall be uniformly given by the Government agents; and the price or value to be paid as aforesaid shall be fixed by said commissioners from time to time, and as often as in their judgment such price or value may require revision: *Provided*, That such price or value shall be revised at least once in every sixty days. In case there shall be any difference of opinion between the person owning the property impressed and the impressing agent, in regard to the price to be paid, the person believing himself to be aggrieved may appeal to said commissioners, who shall give judgment at once upon the case, and such judgment shall be final. And the said commissioners shall give public notice of the price fixed by them as aforesaid, and the expense of such publication shall be paid by the Confederate States. But in case of the appeal hereinbefore provided for, the Government agent may take and use the property impressed before the decision of said appeal: *Provided*, That said price or value shall be so fixed as to give just compensation according to quality and quantity of said articles, and that all forage and subsistence taken after the passage of this act, and before the organization of the board of commissioners, shall be paid for at the prices first fixed by the commissioners under this act: *And provided further*, That said commissioners shall be appointed by and with the advice and consent of the Senate,

Mr. Haynes demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being put,

It was determined in the affirmative.	{ Yeas -----	13
	{ Nays -----	11

On motion by Mr. Dortch,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Clark, Clay, Davis, Henry, Maxwell, Orr, Peyton, Phelan, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Caperton, Dortch, Haynes, Hill, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Oldham, Simms, and Yancey.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

On the question,

Shall the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time?

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas----- 12
Nays----- 12

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Davis, Henry, Hill, Maxwell, Orr, Peyton, Phelan, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Caperton, Clark, Clay, Dortch, Haynes, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Oldham, Simms, and Yancey.

On motion by Mr. Henry, the vote last mentioned was reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Henry, that the vote on agreeing to the amendment proposed to the bill by Mr. Semmes, providing for the appointment by the President of three commissioners in each State, etc., be reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 11) to provide for the further issue of Treasury notes, and for other purposes, reported thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill last mentioned; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, twentieth, twenty-third, and twenty-fourth of said amendments; that they disagree to the nineteenth, twenty-first, and twenty-second, and that they agree to the fourteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 61) to authorize the President to contract for the construction and equipment of vessels for the Navy abroad.

On motion by Mr. Brown, to amend the bill by adding thereto the following proviso:

Provided, That whenever contracts are made they shall be communicated to Congress as soon as practicable,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 74) to amend an act entitled "An act for the establishment and organization of the general staff of the Army of the Confederate States of America," approved February 26, 1861; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire into the subject, reported

A bill (S. 75) to provide for having the laws relating to military and naval affairs digested and published; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 76) to regulate the extra pay allowed soldiers detailed for duty as clerks in the city of Richmond; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, reported

A bill (S. 77) to repeal section 2 of an act entitled "An act relating to the prepayment of postage in certain cases," approved July 29, 1861; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 9) to authorize and regulate the impressment of private property for the use of the Army and other military purposes.

The question being on agreeing to the motion submitted by Mr. Henry on yesterday, that the vote on agreeing to the amendment proposed to the bill by Mr. Semmes, providing for the appointment by the President of three commissioners in each State, etc., be reconsidered,

It was put and determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said amendment; and

On motion by Mr. Haynes, that it lie upon the table,

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the bill be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened, the following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., March 10, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, submitting an estimate of the amount required for the fulfillment of contracts made by the medical purveyors.

I recommend that an appropriation be made of the amount for the purpose indicated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., March 10, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, covering an estimate of additional funds required for the subsistence of the Army for the period ending June 30, 1863.

I recommend that an appropriation be made of the amount for the purpose indicated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 3) to organize the Supreme Court of the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 21) for the condemnation to public use of all cotton within the Confederate States, providing for the payment thereof, and for other purposes; and

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 6) to grant to the principal officer of each of the Executive Departments a seat upon the floor of Congress.

On the question to agree to the following amendment reported from the Committee on the Judiciary, viz:

After the word "Senate," line 4, insert the words "subject to such rules as now exist, or may hereafter be adopted by the Senate,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Brown, to amend the bill by inserting after the word "Senate," line 4, the words "during the remainder of this Congress,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 9) to authorize and regulate the impressment of private property for the use of the Army and other military purposes.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, to reconsider the vote on rejecting the following amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes, as amended:

Strike out all after the enacting clause of the bill and insert:

That when any officer in the military service of the Confederate States in command of troops, or charged with the duty of supplying an army, shall impress into the public service any property belonging to a citizen of any of the Confederate States, or to any peaceful resident of the same, such officer shall, before appropriating the same to the public use, cause a valuation and appraisement thereof, upon proof of value, to be made by three or more disinterested citizens, if it can be done without injurious delay, and if the appraisement shall seem just and fair, he shall indorse upon it his approval, if not, he shall indorse on it his reasons for refusing, and deliver the same, together with a receipt for the property impressed, to the owner, his agent or attorney, and as soon as practicable forward a copy of the receipt and appraisement and his indorsement thereon to the head of the Department having charge of the species of property taken. Where an appraisement can not be conveniently made, he shall deliver a receipt to the owner, his agent or attorney, and forward a copy as above directed.

SEC. 2. That the persons selected to appraise property impressed as provided in the first section, shall in all cases, before acting, take and subscribe an oath that the appraisement they are called upon to make shall be just, and, as near as they can estimate the same, a fair value of the impressed property.

SEC. 3. Where property is impressed, and after temporary use or service it is returned to the owner, his agent or attorney, the value of such use or service shall be ascertained and acted upon as directed in the foregoing section.

SEC. 4. That upon the production of the receipt of the officer for property impressed and the valuation of the same, or for the use and service of such when returned to the owner, approved by said officer, it shall be the duty of the proper disbursing officer to pay the amount thereof to the owner of such property, his agent or attorney, as in the case of property duly purchased or hired, and the acceptance of pay from Government shall, in all cases, operate as a release of all claim or right of action against the officer taking the property or ordering it to be done. Where there has been no appraisement in valuation, or where such appraisement and valuation is not approved by the officer taking the property, the claim shall be referred to the proper accounting officer of the Government, to be settled according to the principles of equity and justice.

SEC. 5. That any officer in the military service of the Confederate States who shall wantonly or oppressively impress or take any property of a citizen of any of the Confederate States, or of a peaceful resident of the same, or who shall do so except when necessary to avert impending danger, or to prosecute successfully important military operations, shall be deemed a trespasser, and held liable for damages as such to any citizen or resident so deprived of his property, to be recovered in any court having jurisdiction in the premises, and shall further be tried before a court-martial or military court, and on conviction shall be dismissed the service.

SEC. 6. That property necessary for the support of the owner and his family, and necessary to carry on his ordinary agricultural and manufacturing business until the harvesting of the next crop, shall not be taken for the public use; to be ascertained by the oath of the appraisers hereinbefore authorized, when the owner and officer can not agree, and the decision of the appraisers shall be binding on the officer.

SEC. 7. That previous to the first day of October next, no slaves laboring on a farm or plantation, exclusively devoted to the production of grain and provisions, shall be taken for the public use without the consent of the owner, except in case of urgent necessity,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said amendment; and

On the question to agree thereto,

Mr. Burnett demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being put,

It was determined in the affirmative, {	Yeas	17
	Nays	5

On motion by Mr. Dortch,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Davis, Dortch,
Haynes, Henry, Hill, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Simms, Sparrow,
Wigfall, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Peyton, and Semmes.

So the amendment as amended was agreed to.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, {	Yeas	18
	Nays	2

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Davis, Dortch, Haynes,
Henry, Hill, Hunter, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Peyton, Simms,
Sparrow, Wigfall, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown and Semmes.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the bill (H. R. 9) last mentioned, and from all proceedings thereon in secret legislative session.

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., March 9, 1863.

To the President of the Senate of the Confederate States:

I nominate the person named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, March 7, 1863.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Marine Corps:

Second Lieutenant.

John S. Van de Graff, of Texas.

With much respect, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, March 9, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 27, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for distinguished valor and skill:

J. H. Barker, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company C, Fourth South Carolina Regiment, to rank January 31, 1863.

W. H. Blackwell, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Lynchburg Artillery, to rank January 23, 1863.

James T. Proctor, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company C, First South Carolina Regiment, to rank January 13, 1863.

E. S. Trout, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company H, Fifty-second Virginia Regiment, to rank December 6, 1862.

Judson M. Kent, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company H, Twenty-second Virginia Regiment, to rank January 18, 1863.

C. P. Toney, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant Company B, Forty-fifth Georgia Regiment, to rank January 2, 1863.

William H. Huff, of Missouri, to be second lieutenant Company E, Sixth Missouri Regiment, to rank November 26, 1862.

J. M. Spencer, of Mississippi, to be second lieutenant Company F, Twenty-ninth Mississippi Regiment, to rank January 29, 1863.

J. D. F. Thompson, of Kentucky, to be second lieutenant Company K, Second Kentucky Regiment, to rank January 11, 1863.

John J. Dempster, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company E, Fifth Virginia Regiment, to rank February 4, 1863.

J. T. Smith, of Mississippi, to be second lieutenant Company B, Twenty-ninth Mississippi Regiment, to rank January 29, 1863.

John D. Talbert, of Mississippi, to be second lieutenant Company E, Twenty-ninth Mississippi Regiment, to rank January 29, 1863.

James G. Lyell, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company D, Forty-seventh Virginia Regiment, to rank December 19, 1862.

Thomas S. Wilkerson, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company B, Forty-seventh Virginia Regiment, to rank December 19, 1862.

T. B. Tompkins, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant Company A, Forty-fifth Georgia Regiment, to rank January 13, 1863.

John M. Kidd, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant Company C, Thirty-fifth Georgia Regiment, to rank October 12, 1862.

John R. Merritt, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant Company A, Fourteenth Georgia Regiment, to rank October 1, 1862.

William Shelton, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company H, Fifth Virginia Regiment, to rank February 10, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, March 9, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, March 2, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Second lieutenants.

Samuel G. Battle, jr., of Alabama, to be second lieutenant, First Alabama Battalion, to rank February 10, 1863.

James B. Cleveland, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant, First Louisiana Artillery Regiment, to rank February 18, 1863.

J. B. Humphreys, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant, First Louisiana Artillery Regiment, to rank February 17, 1863.

Charles L. Huger, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant, First Louisiana Regiment (enlisted men), to rank November 14, 1862.

Edward W. Macbeth, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), to rank December 5, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, March 9, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, March 2, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Adjutants, with the rank of first lieutenant.

John A. Minnis, of Kentucky, to be adjutant Eighth Kentucky Cavalry Regiment, to rank October 2, 1862.

H. H. Bein, of Louisiana, to be adjutant Thirteenth Louisiana Regiment, to rank April 8, 1862.

John B. Kent, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Fifteenth Tennessee Regiment, to rank May 11, 1862.

Joseph E. Haynes, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Sixty-second North Carolina Regiment, to rank February 9, 1863.

John W. Wofford, of Georgia, to be adjutant Phillips Legion, to rank February 1, 1863.

William M. Cravens, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Twenty-first Arkansas Regiment, to rank January 17, 1863.

Edward Y. Clarke, of Georgia, to be adjutant Sixteenth Georgia Battalion, to rank October 2, 1862.

A. P. Forsyth, of Texas, to be adjutant First Texas Regiment, to rank February 6, 1863.

R. S. Folger, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Twenty-eighth North Carolina Regiment, to rank January 7, 1863.

J. C. Porter, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Forty-sixth Mississippi Regiment, to rank February 11, 1863.

Paul Jones, jr., of Tennessee, to be adjutant Thirty-third Tennessee Regiment, to rank September 1, 1862.

R. H. Cunningham, of Virginia, to be adjutant Thirty-sixth Virginia Regiment, to rank January 20, 1863.

F. P. Koonce, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Fourth Arkansas Regiment, to rank May 24, 1862.

Felix Warley, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Lucas' (South Carolina) battalion, to rank February 6, 1863.

Henry Piussan, of Louisiana, to be adjutant Tenth Louisiana Regiment, to rank June 30, 1862.

Ives Smedes, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Seventh North Carolina Regiment, to rank February 8, 1863.

R. T. Watts, of Virginia, to be adjutant Thirty-fifth Virginia Battalion Cavalry, to rank January 30, 1863.

O. E. Stuart, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Eighteenth Mississippi Regiment, to rank December 1, 1862.

Lucius H. Smith, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Fifth North Carolina Battalion, to rank February 24, 1863.

J. S. Richardson, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Twenty-third South Carolina Regiment, to rank January 1, 1863.

Thomas J. Hall, jr., of Virginia, to be adjutant Thirty-seventh Virginia Battalion Cavalry, to rank February 23, 1863.

William P. Frink, of Florida, to be adjutant Fifth Florida Regiment, to rank February 27, 1863.

Thomas Lewis, of Virginia, to be adjutant Thirty-eighth Virginia Battalion Artillery, to rank January 2, 1863.

Grafton Tyler, of Virginia, to be adjutant Andrews' Battalion Artillery, to rank February 28, 1863.

W. H. Stewart, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Sixteenth Mississippi Regiment, to rank February 18, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, March 9, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, March 2, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for distinguished valor and skill:

F. W. Kilpatrick, of South Carolina, to be colonel First South Carolina Regiment, to rank January 31, 1863. (Also unanimous consent of officers.)

John E. Gilbert, of Alabama, to be first lieutenant Company B, Fiftieth Alabama Regiment, to rank January 15, 1863.

H. R. Morrison, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company H, Fifty-eighth Virginia Regiment, to rank January 29, 1863.

William F. Fitzgerald, of Mississippi, to be second lieutenant Company C, Ninth Mississippi Battalion, to rank January 6, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, March 9, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, March 2, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Second lieutenants.

C. L. C. Dupuy, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant, First Regiment Louisiana Artillery, to rank February 27, 1863.

George E. Strawbridge, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant, First Regiment Louisiana Artillery, to rank February 27, 1863.

Jacob C. Purdy, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant, First Regiment Louisiana Artillery, to rank February 27, 1863.

Charles A. Devall, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant, First Regiment Louisiana Artillery, to rank February 27, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Yancey, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 6) in relation to foreign affairs, reported it with amendments.

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

Ordered, That the amendments be printed.

Mr. Yancey gave notice of his intention to propose sundry amendments to the joint resolution last mentioned; which were ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

Ordered, That the said joint resolution be transferred to secret legislative session.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient for the Senate to confirm any more nominations for major or brigadier generals until a response is made to the resolution of the Senate, passed on the thirtieth of January last, asking for the number of major and brigadier generals, and the number of divisions and brigades now in the service; and that the Secretary of War be furnished with a copy of this resolution.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Clay (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 78) to prevent the absence of officers and soldiers without leave;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 71) to repeal the naturalization laws, reported it with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the bill and amendment be printed.

Mr. Mitchel, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, reported

A bill (S. 79) for the benefit of certain claimants for postal services; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 54) for the relief of Mrs. Laura Harper, wife of Col. R. W. Harper, commanding First Regiment of Arkansas Cavalry, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Clay submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the office of regimental commissary.

Mr. Simms submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President be requested, if not prejudicial to the public interest, to communicate to the Senate a copy of the official report of the battle of Baton Rouge, made by Major-General John C. Breckinridge.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 6) to grant to the principal officer of each of the Executive Departments a seat upon the floor of Congress.

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the bill by striking out, in the fourth and fifth lines, the words "with the privilege of discussing any measures appertaining to his Department,"

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	14
	{ Nays	10

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Caperton, Clark, Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Oldham, Peyton, Simms, Sparrow, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Clay, Hill, Hunter, Maxwell, Orr, Phelan, Semmes, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the bill be postponed indefinitely.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 57) relative to the bonds of quartermasters and commissaries of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Davis, to amend the bill by striking out, in the twenty-fifth line, the words "render it obligatory upon" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "be prima facie evidence of delivery by,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by adding thereto the following independent section:

SEC. 2. That the bonds of all quartermasters or commissaries for posts, brigades, or divisions shall be given for the penal sum of not less than fifty thousand, nor more than one hundred thousand dollars.

On motion by Mr. Oldham, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Orr by inserting after the word "dollars" the words

but a recovery for that amount shall not discharge the bond, but the parties thereto shall be bound for all sums for which the principal may be liable,

It was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Orr,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., March 11, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit, for your information, a communication from the Secretary of War covering several reports of engagements with the enemy.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Wigfall, from the special committee appointed to inquire into the rights and duties of reporters admitted to seats upon the floor of the Senate, and to inquire whether there had been any breach of those duties in certain comments made by a reporter in the columns of a newspaper published in this city on one of the members of this body, submitted a report (No. 6), accompanied by the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the privilege of the floor of the Senate is hereby withdrawn from the present reporter of the Richmond Enquirer.

Resolved further, That the presiding officer of the Senate is hereby empowered and enjoined to administer this privilege, granting it to such number of papers only as shall to him seem proper and convenient, and withdrawing it from any and all such reporters or papers as in his judgment the public interest or the peace and dignity of the Senate may require; and for such withdrawal he shall not be required to assign reasons.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolutions; and

On motion by Mr. Brown, that they lie upon the table,

Mr. Orr demanded a division of the question; and

On the question to lay on the table the resolution withdrawing the privilege of the floor of the Senate from the present reporter of the Richmond Enquirer,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Davis,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 53) to deprive negroes and mulattoes taken in arms against the Confederate States of the rights and immunities of prisoners of war, and to sell them into perpetual slavery where no person claims right of property in them, reported it with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the bill and amendment be printed in confidence for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by his Secretary, Mr. B. N. Harrison:

RICHMOND, VA., *March 10, 1863.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I have the honor to request that upon the list sent to the Senate on the 6th instant, the name of J. C. Tappan, nominated by mistake to be brigade quartermaster, may be changed to James M. Elliston, to be brigade quartermaster, with the rank of major, to report for duty to Brig. Gen. J. C. Tappan.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1863

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 80) to increase the efficiency of the Medical Department; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Phelan submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of paying for slaves impressed by the Government, and who have died, or who shall hereafter die, whilst in the service of the Confederate States from causes legitimately attributable to such impressment.

Mr. Davis (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 81) to provide for the payment of certain North-Carolina troops from the time of their enlistment; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire and report upon the propriety of passing an act providing that should any quartermaster or commissary fail to account for money or public property which has gone into his hands officially for a greater amount than his official bond, he shall be liable to indictment, and upon conviction be subjected to infamous punishment.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution reported on yesterday by Mr. Wigfall, from the special committee appointed to inquire into the rights and duties of reporters admitted to seats upon the floor of the Senate, and to inquire whether there had been any breach of those duties in certain comments made by a reporter in the columns of a newspaper published in this city on one of the members of this body.

On the question to lay on the table the first resolution, withdrawing the privilege of the floor of the Senate from the present reporter of the Richmond Enquirer,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	2
	{ Nays	11

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,
Messrs. Clark and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Burnett, Caperton, Davis, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Peyton, Phelan, Semmes, and Wigfall.

On the question to agree to the said resolution,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to lay on the table the second resolution, enjoining upon the presiding officer of the Senate the duty of administering the privilege of the floor of the Senate, granting it to such number of papers only as to him shall seem proper, and withdrawing it from any and all such reporters or papers as in his judgment the public interest or the peace and dignity of the Senate may require, without assigning reasons for such withdrawal,

It was determined in the affirmative.

So the resolution was laid upon the table.

Mr. Phelan submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Whereas the proprietors of the Richmond Enquirer, since the report of the special committee appointed to inquire into the rights and duties of reporters admitted to seats upon the floor of the Senate was made, have declared, through the columns of that paper, that the article of the twenty-fourth of February was inserted by their order: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That no reporter for the Richmond Enquirer shall be admitted to a seat on the floor of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	8
	{ Nays	12

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Burnett, Davis, Haynes, Maxwell, Oldham, Phelan, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Caperton, Clark, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Orr, Peyton, Semmes, Sparrow, and Yancey.

So the resolution was not agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the special committee appointed to inquire into the rights and duties of reporters admitted to seats upon the floor of the Senate, and to inquire whether

there had been any breach of those duties in certain comments made by a reporter in the columns of a newspaper published in this city on one of the members of this body; which was agreed to as follows:

The committee appointed under a resolution of the Senate to inquire into and report upon the question raised by a reporter of the Senate, and also to report defining the privileges of reporters admitted to seats within the bar of the Senate, beg leave to submit the following report:

In order that full and correct information of the proceedings of the Senate, as far as practicable, may be disseminated, reporters have been permitted to occupy seats within the bar of the Senate. It is a privilege extended because of no personal claim or right in the individual or the press which he may represent; to deny it would be no invasion of the rights of the press, nor an encroachment on the prerogative of the citizen. A reporter in no wise counsels or aids this body in its deliberations or in the performance of its duties; and his presence here, as would be that of any other citizen having no appropriate functions under the rules of the Senate or the law of the land, is a privilege to be enjoyed at the will of that body, and upon the terms and conditions implied by this relation. Should he abuse it by interrupting the proceedings of this body, or by any other misbehavior in its presence, he should forfeit the privilege, because he violates the decorum of the Senate; so likewise if his reports of its proceedings and debates are false or incorrect, either from malice, incompetency, or inattention, because the end for which the privilege is extended is not subserved, and should he, in his report of the proceedings of the Senate, interpolate a slander upon that body, or insulting or offensive personal remarks concerning any of its members, he not only violates decorum and perverts the privilege, but is guilty of disrespect to the body, assails its dignity, and thereby renders himself unfit and unworthy to continue a recipient of its courtesy.

The committee have, therefore, no difficulty in arriving at the conclusion that when a person so mistakes his position, or disregards his obligations, it is the right of the Senate, and its duty, to mark his conduct with its distinct condemnation. The Senate can not permit vituperation and abuse to grow up between its reporters and its members, and connect itself with the report.

Assuming this to be the true relation between the Senate and a reporter occupying by its courtesy a seat upon its floor, it only remains to inquire if the present case is one that calls for the exercise, on the part of the former, of its prerogative of exclusion.

The committee can not suppose that a difference of opinion can exist as to the propriety of the interpolations upon the proceedings of the Senate made by the reporter complained of, and published in the Richmond Enquirer of the 24th of February in connection with the proceedings, and repeated on the 26th, nor as to the character of the language employed; and they proceed to announce the conclusions, to wit: That it was improper; that it is an attack upon the personal and political character of a Senator, couched in offensive and indecent language, and is such an abuse of the privilege granted by the Senate as can not be looked upon with indifference.

The committee are unanimous in making this report, with the exception of the application of the principles thereof to the reporter in this case. One of the committee is of the opinion that the publication objected to is not a part of the report of the proceedings of the Senate, and therefore can not accord with the majority of the committee in their resolution.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 48) to authorize the discharge of certain civil officers from the military service of the Confederate States.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment:

After the word "circuit," line 6, insert the word "district,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment:

Strike out, in the seventh, eighth, and ninth lines, the words

clerk of any court of record, sheriff, ordinary, judge of any court of probate, tax collector or commissioner, register, or master in chancery,

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the words proposed to be stricken out by striking out the word "tax" and inserting after the word "collector" the words "of State taxes, not to exceed one for each county,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the words proposed to be stricken out by inserting after "commissioner" the words "in equity,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the words proposed to be stricken out by striking out "or commissioner in equity, register, or master in chancery,"

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas -----	14
	{ Nays -----	3

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Clark, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Mitchel; Orr, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Haynes, Peyton, and Yancey.

On the question to agree to the amendment reported by the Committee on Military Affairs,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the bill by inserting after "Confederacy," line 7, the words "district attorney,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by inserting after "county," line 9, the words "parish recorder,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the first section the following proviso:

Provided, That no person elected or appointed to any civil office shall be discharged under this act unless the office to which he may be elected or appointed is such an office as entitles the officer filling it, under exemption laws now existing or which may hereafter be passed, to exemption from military service in the armies of the Confederate States,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the Hon. William T. Dortch have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Monday, the 23d instant.

On motion by Mr. Clark,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 2) relative to the plan of retaliation proposed in the President's message, reported it with an amendment.

Ordered, That the amendment be printed.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported

A bill (S. 82) to authorize retaliation on the enemy for violations of the usages of civilized warfare during the present war; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 6) in relation to foreign affairs.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, March 11, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, March 2, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Adjutants, with the rank of first lieutenant.

W. H. Binford, of Alabama, to be adjutant Fourteenth Alabama Battalion, to rank September 16, 1862.

Thomas E. Moss, of Kentucky, to be adjutant Second Kentucky Regiment, to rank October 3, 1862.

D. H. Hamilton, of South Carolina, to be adjutant First South Carolina Regiment, to rank September 11, 1862.

Edward B. Goode, of Virginia, to be adjutant Fourth Virginia Artillery Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

S. A. Gassaway, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Twenty-third Mississippi Regiment, to rank September 25, 1862.

A. C. Dickenson, of Virginia, to be adjutant Fifteenth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

Bird Holland, of Texas, to be adjutant Twenty-second Texas Regiment, to rank August 7, 1862.

Louis Moritz, of Louisiana, to be adjutant Twentieth Louisiana Regiment, to rank October 12, 1862.

Fred. H. West, of Georgia, to be adjutant Fifty-first Georgia Regiment, to rank October 2, 1862.

John E. Hart, of Texas, to be adjutant Fourth Texas Cavalry Regiment, to rank March 12, 1862.

J. T. Morehead, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Sixty-third North Carolina Regiment, to rank October 18, 1862.

O. H. Leland, of Texas, to be adjutant Thirtieth Texas Cavalry Regiment, to rank August 18, 1862.

T. J. Eubanks, of Alabama, to be adjutant Forty-eighth Alabama Regiment, to rank October 9, 1862.

J. R. Massey, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Tenth South Carolina Battalion, to rank October 2, 1862.

Charles M. Christian, of Virginia, to be adjutant Major Courtney's battalion, to rank September 17, 1862.

Oscar R. Hough, of Virginia, to be adjutant Twenty-fifth Virginia Battalion, to rank October 22, 1862.

Benjamin F. Keller, of Georgia, to be adjutant Sixtieth Georgia Regiment, to rank July 15, 1862.

J. H. Barbee, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Thirty-ninth Mississippi Regiment, to rank May 13, 1862.

James C. Marshall, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Fourteenth North Carolina Regiment, to rank August 25, 1862.

Benjamin Green, of Georgia, to be adjutant Twenty-first Georgia Battalion, Partisan Rangers, to rank August 4, 1862.

W. M. Davis, of Georgia, to be adjutant Twelfth Texas Cavalry Regiment, to rank May 26, 1862.

Thomas F. Roche, of Virginia, to be adjutant Thirtieth Virginia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank October 5, 1862.

Jesse W. Edmundson, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Fiftieth North Carolina Regiment, to rank October 21, 1862.

Joseph L. Robertson, of Kentucky, to be adjutant Fourth Kentucky Regiment, to rank April 11, 1862.

J. E. Harwood, of Missouri, to be adjutant Sixth Missouri Regiment, to rank August 28, 1862.

DeB. Waddell, of Alabama, to be adjutant Fifteenth Alabama Regiment, to rank October 13, 1862.

Robert K. Jones, of Virginia, to be adjutant Thirty-first Virginia Battalion Light Artillery, to rank October 22, 1862.

H. B. McClellan, of Virginia, to be adjutant Third Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank May 18, 1862.

A. J. Sykes, of Alabama, to be adjutant Fifteenth Alabama Battalion, Partisan Rangers, to rank September 18, 1862.

Philip Jones, of Kentucky, to be adjutant Tenth Kentucky Regiment, Partisan Rangers, to rank November 1, 1862.

J. L. Power, of Mississippi, to be adjutant First Mississippi Regiment Artillery, to rank August 6, 1862.

E. M. Clayton, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Sixtieth North Carolina Regiment, to rank August 1, 1862.

George P. Fuhrman, of Alabama, to be adjutant Fifty-third Alabama Regiment, to rank November 5, 1862.

H. Marshall, of Georgia, to be adjutant Fifty-ninth Georgia Regiment, to rank November 5, 1862.

Frank W. Baker, of Georgia, to be adjutant Twelfth Georgia Battalion, to rank October 13, 1862.

David M. McIntire, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Thirty-eighth North Carolina Regiment, to rank July 9, 1862.

Benjamin F. Miller, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Twenty-sixth South Carolina Regiment, to rank October 1, 1862.

Henry Fisher, of Virginia, to be adjutant Twentieth Virginia Battalion, to rank October 15, 1862.

Wilbur F. Blackman, of Louisiana, to be adjutant Twenty-eighth Louisiana Regiment, to rank May 17, 1862.

Samuel L. Alexander, of Georgia, to be adjutant Third Georgia Regiment, to rank October 22, 1862.

George D. Parker, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Thirty-sixth North Carolina Regiment, to rank October 24, 1862.

L. L. McDowell, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Twenty-fifth Tennessee Regiment, to rank July 15, 1862.

John M. Douglass, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Eighteenth Tennessee Regiment, to rank September 26, 1862.

S. D. Steedman, of Alabama, to be adjutant First Alabama Regiment, to rank October 22, 1862.

John L. Cowardin, of Virginia, to be adjutant Nineteenth Virginia Battalion Artillery, to rank November 13, 1862.

John H. Cox, of Georgia, to be adjutant Fourteenth Georgia Battalion Artillery, to rank October 12, 1862.

Robert Wayne, of Georgia, to be adjutant First Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank October 18, 1862.

Henry T. Jordan, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Fifty-fifth North Carolina Regiment, to rank November 1, 1862.

J. Harper Lindsay, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Forty-fifth North Carolina Regiment, to rank November 3, 1862.

H. N. Hutton, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Second Arkansas Regiment, to rank October 31, 1862.

James D. Harden, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Thirty-ninth North Carolina Regiment, to rank May 20, 1862.

J. N. Gilmer, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Hilliard's Legion, to rank November 10, 1862.

N. T. Roberts, of Arkansas, to be adjutant First Arkansas Cavalry Regiment, to rank November 15, 1862.

James A. Harden, of Virginia, to be adjutant Twenty-third Virginia Battalion, to rank May 23, 1862.

Thomas H. Smith, of Virginia, to be adjutant Thirty-sixth Virginia Regiment, to rank November 10, 1862.

Holmes Conrad, of Virginia, to be adjutant Seventeenth Virginia Battalion, to rank October 2, 1862.

J. C. B. Smith, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Twelfth South Carolina Regiment, to rank September 1, 1862.

Richard G. Wharton, of Virginia, to be adjutant Fifty-sixth Virginia Regiment, to rank November 26, 1862.

Richard A. Irvin, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Thirty-second Tennessee Regiment, to rank September 19, 1862.

G. S. Barthelmess, of Georgia, to be adjutant Second Georgia Cavalry Battalion, to rank October 2, 1862.

Robert W. Haynes, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Sixty-second North Carolina Regiment, to rank November 5, 1862.

Thomas J. Shine, of Florida, to be adjutant First Florida Cavalry Regiment, to rank July 9, 1862.

John T. Beach, of Louisiana, to be adjutant Fifth Louisiana Regiment, to rank January 1, 1862.

John M. Preston, of Virginia, to be adjutant Forty-eighth Virginia Regiment, to rank November 10, 1862.

Thomas Riggs, of Alabama, to be adjutant Forty-sixth Alabama Regiment, to rank November 14, 1862.

J. F. Love, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Thirty-ninth Tennessee Regiment, to rank November 11, 1862.

Robert H. Williams, of Kentucky, to be adjutant Fourth Kentucky Regiment, to rank April 11, 1862.

John A. Lewellyn, of Virginia, to be adjutant Nineteenth Virginia Regiment, to rank July 1, 1862.

Thomas Smith, of Virginia, to be adjutant Twenty-second Virginia Battalion, to rank June 16, 1862.

W. W. Brown, of Texas, to be adjutant Fourth Texas Regiment, to rank November 14, 1862.

C. A. De Russey, of Virginia, to be adjutant Fifty-first Virginia Regiment, to rank October 5, 1862.

Thomas J. Dyson, of Georgia, to be adjutant Fifty-seventh Georgia Regiment, to rank May 1, 1862.

Robert M. Brown, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Tenth Mississippi Battalion, to rank November 14, 1862.

James F. Crocker, of Virginia, to be adjutant Ninth Virginia Regiment, to rank May 26, 1862.

J. J. Dunlop, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Ninth Arkansas Regiment, to rank September 1, 1862.

Clark G. Hale, of Alabama, to be adjutant Nineteenth Alabama Regiment, to rank November 1, 1862.

George O. Elms, of Louisiana, to be adjutant Twenty-ninth Louisiana Regiment, to rank April 22, 1862.

Byron B. Bower, of Georgia, to be adjutant Sixty-second Georgia Regiment, to rank August 1, 1862.

M. M. Shelly, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Ninth Mississippi Battalion, to rank November 18, 1862.

C. L. Sims, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Eighteenth South Carolina Regiment, to rank September 27, 1862.

John L. Hood, of Virginia, to be adjutant Fifty-ninth Virginia Regiment, to rank November 25, 1862.

Benjamin Snodgrass, of Alabama, to be adjutant Sixteenth Alabama Battalion, to rank June 12, 1862.

John C. Buffington, of Florida, to be adjutant First Florida Battalion, to rank October 24, 1862.

James R. Hagood, of South Carolina, to be adjutant First South Carolina Regiment, to rank November 16, 1862.

W. F. Colcock, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Third South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, to rank August 19, 1862.

William S. McNeill, of Alabama, to be adjutant First Alabama Artillery Battalion, to rank November 15, 1862.

John Orr, of Louisiana, to be adjutant Sixth Louisiana Regiment, to rank November 26, 1862.

Benjamin H. Newton, of Georgia, to be adjutant Twenty-third Georgia Battalion, to rank November 21, 1862.

Robert H. Davis, of Texas, to be adjutant Twenty-fifth Texas Cavalry Regiment, to rank June 1, 1862.

George W. Johnson, of Virginia, to be adjutant Sixty-fourth Virginia Regiment, to rank December 14, 1862.

Thomas A. Nicoll, of Alabama, to be adjutant Forty-fourth Alabama Regiment, to rank May 12, 1862.

George W. Booth, of Maryland, to be adjutant First Maryland Cavalry Battalion, to rank January 9, 1863.

James W. Moore, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Second South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, to rank September 7, 1862.

William B. Sayers, of Texas, to be adjutant Eighth Texas Cavalry Regiment, to rank November 18, 1862.

Alexander Marks, of Louisiana, to be adjutant Fifteenth Louisiana Regiment, to rank December 4, 1862.

Lewis P. Butler, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Third Arkansas Regiment, to rank September 1, 1862.

James S. Williamson, of Alabama, to be adjutant Fourteenth Alabama Regiment, to rank December 1, 1862.

W. W. Bailey, of Mississippi, to be adjutant First Mississippi Regiment, to rank August 1, 1862.

Henry R. Kenna, of Louisiana, to be adjutant First Louisiana Regiment, to rank December 3, 1862.

S. W. Nelson, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Seventh South Carolina Battalion, to rank October 2, 1862.

John J. Symons, of Georgia, to be adjutant Twenty-second Georgia Battalion, to rank November 28, 1862.

George R. Cammack, of Louisiana, to be adjutant Eighth Louisiana Battalion, to rank November 28, 1862.

John S. Jenkins, of Virginia, to be adjutant Fourteenth Virginia Regiment, to rank November 10, 1862.

John T. Ault, of Georgia, to be adjutant Thirty-sixth Georgia Regiment, to rank November 26, 1862.

Henry H. Houston, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Twentieth Mississippi Regiment, to rank November 3, 1862.

M. H. Hopkins, of Georgia, to be adjutant First Georgia Regiment, to rank October 24, 1862.

James L. White, of Virginia, to be adjutant Thirty-seventh Virginia Regiment, to rank December 12, 1862.

James Williams, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Fourteenth Mississippi Regiment, to rank October 28, 1862.

J. H. R. Cundiff, of Missouri, to be adjutant First Missouri Cavalry Regiment, to rank August 25, 1862.

George L. Griscom, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Ninth Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, to rank October 4, 1862.

E. K. Bryan, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Thirty-first North Carolina Regiment, to rank October 20, 1862.

W. A. Floyd, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Eighth Mississippi Regiment, to rank September 6, 1862.

F. C. Hume, of Virginia, to be adjutant Thirty-second Virginia Battalion, to rank December 7, 1862.

A. W. Green, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Second North Carolina Battalion, to rank August 31, 1862.

R. B. Snodgrass, of Alabama, to be adjutant Fifty-third Alabama Regiment, to rank November 25, 1862.

Horace M. Smith, of Alabama, to be adjutant Fourth Confederate Regiment, to rank November 19, 1862.

William Galt, of Virginia, to be adjutant Fifty-second Virginia Regiment, to rank December 6, 1862.

Lucius H. Smith, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Sixty-fourth North Carolina Regiment, to rank August 1, 1862.

J. W. Gray, of Georgia, to be adjutant Eighth Georgia Battalion, to rank December 6, 1862.

L. T. Mallory, of Georgia, to be adjutant Thirteenth Georgia Battalion, to rank December 6, 1862.

W. F. Shellman, of Georgia, to be adjutant Eighth Georgia Regiment, to rank April 30, 1862.

T. M. Freeman, of Kentucky, to be adjutant Fourth Kentucky Cavalry Regiment, to rank November 13, 1862.

S. Whitaker, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Thirty-third North Carolina Regiment, to rank December 1, 1862.

William D. Biser, of Missouri, to be adjutant Third Missouri Cavalry Regiment, to rank November 3, 1862.

John A. Wallace, of Texas, to be adjutant Second Texas Cavalry Regiment, to rank October 29, 1862.

W. F. Dunaway, of Virginia, to be adjutant Forty-seventh Virginia Regiment, to rank October 1, 1862.

John B. Jones, of Texas, to be adjutant Fifteenth Texas Regiment, to rank April 18, 1862.

William L. Church, of Georgia, to be adjutant Cobb's (Georgia) Legion, to rank December 4, 1862.

A. H. Pickett, of Alabama, to be adjutant Third Alabama Regiment, to rank December 18, 1862.

M. E. Williams, of Georgia, to be adjutant Twentieth Georgia Battalion, Partisan Rangers, to rank October 14, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution (S. 8) of the Senate, relating to the production of provisions, with an amendment; in which amendment I am directed to ask the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed, without amendment, a bill of the Senate (S. 8) to provide and organize engineer troops to serve during the war.

Mr. Clay (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 83) relative to the Medical Department of the Regular Army of the Confederate States; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Clay (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 84) to amend an act entitled "An act to prohibit the exportation of cotton from the Confederate States, except through the seaports of said States, and to punish persons offending therein," approved May 21, 1861; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Mitchel (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 85) to establish a preferred mail across the Mississippi River;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Maxwell submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That on and after Monday next, the regular hour of meeting of the Senate for the remainder of this session shall be eleven o'clock antemeridian.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred a bill (S. 81) to provide for the payment of certain North Carolina troops from the time of their enlistment, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 81) last mentioned; and no amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the joint resolution (S. 8) relating to the production of provisions; and it was

Resolved, That the Senate disagree to the amendment of the House of Representatives to said resolution.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 3) to organize the Supreme Court of the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 39) to suspend for a limited period the several acts authorizing furloughs to be granted; and

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That it be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Yancey, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 15) for the establishment and equalization of the grade of officers of the Navy of the Confederate States, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments.

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

Ordered, That the bill and amendments be printed.

Mr. Yancey, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 20) to reorganize the Medical Corps of the Confederate States Navy, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of lieutenants in the Con-

federate States Navy, praying the passage of an act allowing them the rank and pay of lieutenants commanding while serving as ordnance officers on shore, and that it lie upon the table.

On motion by Mr. Simms,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, that the bill (S. 39) to suspend for a limited period the several acts authorizing furloughs to be granted, be considered in secret legislative session,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas -----	20
	{ Nays -----	3

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Clay, Davis, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Phelan, Semmes, Sparrow, Wigfall, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Clark, Orr, and Simms.

So the Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by inserting after the word "granted," line 2, the words "to privates, or leaves of absence to officers,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting after the word "furloughs," line 4, the words "or leaves of absence,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas -----	13
	{ Nays -----	10

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Clay, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Maxwell, Phelan, Semmes, Sparrow, Wigfall, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Caperton, Clark, Davis, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, and Simms.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to suspend, for a limited period, the several acts authorizing furloughs and leaves of absence to be granted."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 6) in relation to foreign affairs.

The first three amendments reported by the Committee on Foreign Affairs having been agreed to,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, March 12, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Judge J. A. Campbell, of Alabama, to be Assistant Secretary of War, to date from October 21, 1862.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, March 10, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Judge J. A. Campbell, of Alabama, to be Assistant Secretary of War, to date from October 21, 1862.

I have the honor to be, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

His Excellency the PRESIDENT.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, March 12, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, March 9, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Col. Robert B. Vance, of North Carolina, to be brigadier-general, to take rank from March 4, 1863.

Col. E. C. Walthall, of Mississippi, to be brigadier-general, to take rank from December 13, 1862.

I have the honor to be, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Richmond, March 12, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, January 31, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Surgeons.

John M. Allen, Missouri; Frank Hawthorn, Louisiana; W. A. Greene, Georgia; E. M. Watts, Alabama; George F. Carmichael, Virginia; L. U. Mayo, Virginia; A. C. Smith, Virginia; W. A. McPheeters, Missouri; T. J. B. Roemer, Alabama; Thomas M. Blackwell, Mississippi; George W. Henley, Tennessee; William Warne, Georgia; P. B. McKelvey, Louisiana; T. L. Ogier, South Carolina; John D. Starry, Virginia; E. F. Colzey, Georgia; S. E. H. Dance, Tennessee; James Purviance, Louisiana; R. B. Gardner, Georgia; H. S. Jones, Tennessee; William T. Abrahams, Alabama; J. S. Cutliff, Louisiana; R. D. Haden, Mississippi; Robert C. Wood, Georgia; Van B. Gilbert, Alabama; William H. Robertson, North Carolina; Lewis Randolph, North Carolina; John W. Baker, Alabama; L. P. Warren, North Carolina; James A. Pearce, South Carolina; E. Randall, Texas; William D. Lindsay, North Carolina; Jasper F. Butler, Arkansas; J. F. Delony, Alabama; James W. Hutchings, North Carolina; J. E. Pearson, Alabama; Leonard Randall, Texas; W. T. Upshaw, Alabama; Thomas W. Meagher, Louisiana; James A. Todd, Florida; O. R. Early, Virginia; N. W. White, Virginia; L. M. Austin, Mississippi; John R. Raine, North Carolina; J. M. Bogle, Mississippi; J. H. Sears, Texas; H. P. Ritter, North Carolina; Columbus A. Thomas, North Carolina; Arthur T. Crozier, Arkansas; A. C. Blevins, Tennessee; W. W. Lambdin, Missouri; George Porter, Kentucky; J. M. Stevens, North Carolina; Joseph Hannon, Alabama; J. L. Harris, Georgia; B. H. Hoyt, Virginia; J. W. Walker, Virginia; Martin C. Wright, South Carolina; Edward McDonald, Mississippi; Wallace Estill, Tennessee; Alexander Harris, Virginia; Walker Curry, Alabama; Thomas Mattingly, Louisiana; C. N. Austin, Georgia; J. L. Carter, Virginia; William D. Hoyt, Georgia; Daniel C. O'Keefe, Georgia; D. L. McLaughlin, Louisiana; Thomas C. Atkinson, Virginia; Thomas Turner, Virginia; Thomas J. Buflington, Louisiana; Edward Byrne, Mississippi; David E. Ewart, South Carolina; B. F. Kilgore, South Carolina; John Lewis, Virginia; F. B. Richerson, Virginia; A. E. Williams, South Carolina; W. H. Williams, Virginia; J. Walter Hill, North Carolina; W. H. Geddings, South Carolina; S. C. Benjamin, Louisiana; David P. Ramseur, Louisiana; Oscar Wiley, Virginia; Augustus H. Parrish, Texas; Micajah P. Quinn, Louisiana; James T. Davidson, Alabama; Judson A. Butts, Georgia; C. Peyton, Virginia; Hugh L. McGuire, Virginia; S. S. Neill, South Carolina; T. K. Bostwick, Arkansas; John M. Estill, Tennessee; H. G. Latham, Virginia; James Robinson, Virginia; Alfred Patton, Virginia; A. P. Collins, Georgia; J. Hendree, Louisiana; Silas Johnson, Alabama; Samuel Meredith, Virginia; G. W. Robards, Tennessee; H. H. Parker, Mississippi; William Webb, Virginia; D. A. Maxwell, Georgia; N. Bozeman, Louisiana; Elbert Pinner, Mississippi; Lot W. Savage, Alabama; U. G. Owen, Tennessee; John Mills, Mississippi; Theo. P. Mayo, Virginia; T. A. Davis, Alabama; Thomas J. Young, Georgia; B. F. Duggan, Tennessee; E. Y. Salmon, Tennessee; B. W. Toole, Tennessee; Benjamin T. Green, North Carolina; L. L. Saunders, Georgia; W. H. Battle, North Carolina; Llewellyn P. Warren, Virginia; N. H. Whitfield, Mississippi; Joseph C. Roberts, Mississippi; John M. Baylis, Mississippi; Columbus A. Thomas, North Carolina; E. Burke Haywood, South Carolina; John S. Baxter, Georgia; George R. Griffith, Mississippi; James M. Holcombe, Arkansas; J. S. Cain, Mississippi; James Ware, Louisiana; Walter Brice, Tennessee; Robert D. Hamilton, Tennessee; W. H. Miller, Kentucky; John L. Alston, Texas; B. H. Rutland, Mississippi; R. S. Strother, Tennessee; C. L. Herbert, Tennessee; J. A. Lanier, Mississippi; J. B. Murfree, Tennessee; J. S. McCain, Mississippi; Miles H. Nash, Florida; J. W. Lake, Mississippi; W. E. Brickell, Mississippi; William R. Stride, Mississippi; William T. McAllister, Alabama; Philip B. Minor, Alabama; William B. Harrison, Tennessee; R. H. Whitfield, Alabama; George C. Gray, Tennessee; William M. McPheeters, Missouri; M. B. Maughs, Missouri; Don C. Roberts, Missouri; N. H. Payne, Missouri; James W. Frazer, Mississippi; James S. Lewis, Louisiana; Joseph E. Clagett, Virginia; Alexander S. Grigsby, Virginia; John H. Watkins, Missouri; Leonidas Holt, Georgia; Charles Pinckney, South Carolina; Joseph J. West, Georgia; William T. Wragg, South Carolina; Hugh A. Blair, Georgia; W. H. Winn, Louisiana; Edward H. Kelly, Alabama; W. M. Fuqua, Virginia; V. W. Harrison, Virginia; Robert S. Lewis, Virginia; William Green, Georgia; Samuel R. Rixey, Virginia; Samuel A. Slater, Virginia; Henry F. Andrews, Georgia; James M. G. McGuire, Virginia; John M. Gaines, Virginia; Charles S. Morton, South Carolina; John A. Graham, Virginia; Monro Banister, Kentucky; Benjamin W. Taylor, South Carolina; John K. McLean, Virginia; Wil-

liam P. Harden, Georgia; Robert H. Edmunds, South Carolina; Christopher Hap-
poldt, North Carolina; Francis O. Dannelly, Georgia; Thomas W. Hutson, South
Carolina; Joseph Jones, Georgia; Robert M. Hill, Alabama; Henry O. McNery, Lou-
isiana; Noah B. Cloud, Alabama; Anthony P. Pelzer, South Carolina; Robert Leiby,
sr., South Carolina; J. E. A. Davidson, Florida; Sheldon Stringer, Florida; Jonas
P. Moore, Mississippi; U. R. Milner, Louisiana; William B. Wall, Mississippi; Thomas
F. Clardy, Kentucky; J. W. Thompson, Kentucky; Henry S. Cox, Tennessee; Wil-
bur F. Hyer, Mississippi; John C. Merrill, Mississippi; Kelly Williams, Mississippi;
N. A. Davis, Missouri; G. C. Phillips, Mississippi; Robert A. Price, Missouri; Rich-
ard L. Butt, Tennessee; Charles Mann, Kentucky; George W. Riggins, Missouri; Ben-
jamin F. Hall, Arkansas; Edward W. Cade, Texas; Ebenezer Jones, Texas; Eugene
W. Herndon, Missouri; Akin M. Sublett, Missouri; Edwin E. Harris, Missouri; David
R. Wallace, Texas; U. V. Walker, Texas; G. G. Farnandis, Maryland; Thomas J.
Workman, South Carolina; William Thomas Jones, Virginia; John Geddings Hardy,
North Carolina; William Jennings, Kentucky; John H. Morton, Tennessee; William
B. Welch, Arkansas; C. Dorsey Baer, Missouri; James A. L. Purdom, Arkansas; John
J. Grinstead, Missouri; G. N. Beaumont, Missouri; Henry B. Horlbeck, South Car-
olina; Peter G. Snowden, South Carolina; T. J. Taliaferro, Tennessee.

Assistant surgeons.

J. A. S. Todd, Florida; C. T. Taliaferro, Alabama; J. K. Humble, Louisiana; Wil-
liam T. Saunders, Virginia; Thomas O. Heard, Georgia; W. P. Campbell, Louisiana;
Benjamin W. Moore, North Carolina; Joseph H. Cook, North Carolina; R. D. Jack-
son, Alabama; C. A. Henderson, North Carolina; Barnabas P. White, Georgia; J. S.
Herring, Louisiana; W. W. McCartney, Texas; J. T. Palmer, Georgia; Milton
Wright, Alabama; J. S. McCluskey, Tennessee; Green H. Hunter, Florida; Benja-
min F. Cheers, North Carolina; T. C. Thompson, Texas; W. W. White, Texas;
A. W. King, Texas; Thomas F. Walker, Georgia; J. H. Hicks, North Carolina;
W. A. Mulkey, Georgia; James W. McGee, North Carolina; D. C. Diggs, Georgia;
John R. Coffman, Tennessee; A. C. C. Thompson, Georgia; B. S. Watkins, Ken-
tucky; S. Kenan, Georgia; A. V. Budd, North Carolina; W. R. Curtis, Louisiana;
John M. Thomasson, Texas; W. H. Price, Virginia; John Minge, Virginia; A. P.
Collins, South Carolina; A. B. Johns, North Carolina; John M. Gaddis, Louisiana;
W. E. Jones, Mississippi; Theophilus H. Means, North Carolina; J. W. Maddin,
Texas; C. G. Cox, North Carolina; G. M. King, Virginia; A. J. Pierson, Georgia;
T. L. Bondurant, Virginia; Edward H. Hart, Georgia; David W. Booth, Virginia;
Lewis H. Jones, Mississippi; J. S. Wilson, Georgia; Benjamin C. Redford, Ken-
tucky; Edward G. Banks, Mississippi; J. D. Reynolds, North Carolina; W. T. McLane,
Georgia; A. F. Verdery, Georgia; W. L. Barksdale, Virginia; John H. Rice, Ala-
bama; J. W. Stalnaker, Virginia; J. H. Conally, Virginia; W. H. Bramblett, Vir-
ginia; Edward Furniss, Louisiana; William J. Thompson, Virginia; William J.
Jordan, Florida; Augustus Woodcock, Alabama; Stephen S. Herrick, Alabama;
W. W. Love, Tennessee; Robert Percy, Virginia; C. A. Jones, Virginia; William H.
Tucker, North Carolina; J. S. Bruce, Kentucky; C. F. Robinson, North Carolina;
W. B. Dashiell, Texas; David G. Cooper, Arkansas; E. M. McMurran, North Car-
olina; J. W. Smith, Kentucky; Thomas W. Spruill, Alabama; John D. Stuart, Virginia;
Henry J. Hunter, Texas; John H. Gray, Louisiana; Isaac G. Cannady, North Car-
olina; G. W. Hunton, Virginia; H. Graham, South Carolina; H. St. George Hopkins,
Virginia; E. S. Martin, Georgia; John G. Binnis, Alabama; T. J. Bennett, South
Carolina; A. S. Gordon, Virginia; C. S. Roy, Georgia; N. W. Calhoun, Virginia;
C. G. Coleman, jr., Virginia; J. E. Bell, Tennessee; J. Moodie, Tennessee; H. C.
Rogers, Tennessee; John Norman, Mississippi; Charles G. Campbell, Louisiana;
David A. Neer, Missouri; O. A. Hobson, Arkansas; W. H. Tisdale, Missouri; James
B. Luckie, Tennessee; W. H. Oliver, Tennessee; Thomas T. Pratt, Tennessee; Wil-
liam P. Richardson, Texas; W. O. Hall, Virginia; W. G. Carter, Virginia; C. H.
Diggs, Virginia; John S. Richardson, Virginia; H. M. Scramble, Virginia; W. S.
Peck, Virginia; J. A. Carter, Arkansas; Daniel E. Smith, Alabama; Thomas H.
Kinney, Virginia; F. R. Gregory, North Carolina; J. B. Alexander, North Car-
olina; Henry B. Melvin, Louisiana; J. H. M. Sykes, Virginia; R. P. Snowden, South
Carolina; J. D. Wood, Georgia; Robert H. Jordan, South Carolina; James A. Temple-
ton, Virginia; Henry L. Wilson, Georgia; William Murdoch, North Carolina; Isaac
G. Clark, Mississippi; J. J. Callaway, Georgia; O. Waller, Tennessee; C. H.
German, Alabama; W. A. Anderson, Mississippi; J. S. Fish, South Carolina; John
E. Price, Virginia; Thomas G. Slaughter, Virginia; D. B. Benson, Virginia; Brett
Shaafer, Mississippi; Samuel Muller, South Carolina; Joseph J. Baxter, North Car-
olina; Edward B. Houghton, North Carolina; Samuel B. Flowers, North Carolina;
John D. Spicer, North Carolina; Wilberforce R. McKnew, Maryland; William

Little, North Carolina; Francis Gillam, North Carolina; Marcus A. Butler, Florida; Benjamin W. Sparks, Georgia; John S. Murphy, Louisiana; Charles Lee Dunkley, Virginia; Albert C. Byrne, Virginia; James C. Green, Virginia; Joseph H. Vaughan, Louisiana; William T. Goldsmith, Georgia; Robert H. Bush, Virginia; Thomas H. Beaty, Mississippi; David Steel, Virginia; Edwin W. Gordon, Virginia; George M. Burdett, Georgia; Henry G. Land, Virginia; Isaiah Bee, Virginia; William D. Brogle, Maryland; Henry W. Waters, Texas; A. A. Laurence, Texas; Junius J. Broyles, South Carolina; William R. Gunn, Mississippi; William A. Bickers, Virginia; Marcellus E. Vason, Georgia; William C. Klonan, Maryland; Lafayette J. Jones, Virginia; Charles H. Todd, Louisiana; Thomas Smith, Virginia; William E. Herring, Mississippi; Skirving Price, South Carolina; William L. Nichols, Georgia; David G. Coit, South Carolina; John C. Staunton, Mississippi; John J. Terrell, Virginia; James W. Oliver, Virginia; J. T. Scott, Arkansas; E. Miller, South Carolina; J. W. Naul, Louisiana; B. W. Lauderdale, Tennessee; N. D. Phillips, Mississippi; S. H. Peacock, Georgia; J. E. Wilson, Louisiana; T. P. Bailey, South Carolina; Charles A. McKinley, Georgia; J. W. Beall, Mississippi; J. F. Crawford, Mississippi; T. W. Nichols, Tennessee; A. C. Crymes, Alabama; J. L. Westbrook, Tennessee; G. W. Evans, Tennessee; C. M. Sitman, Tennessee; N. Naupi, Louisiana; T. R. Meux, Tennessee; R. H. Sizmore, Tennessee; James O. Fox, Mississippi; A. A. Powell, Mississippi; W. M. Wright, Tennessee; J. B. F. Hill, Alabama; J. P. Allison, Mississippi; A. A. Bruce, Tennessee; Charles Smith, Virginia; T. G. Birchett, Mississippi; A. J. Manning, Louisiana; W. B. Dale, Alabama; L. H. Cohen, Louisiana; H. P. Rider, Missouri; John R. Kirkland, Mississippi; Charles E. Bellamy, Mississippi; William W. Lambdin, Arkansas; Joseph W. Harvey, Missouri; J. N. Outten, Kentucky; George W. Lockhart, Mississippi; George D. Hall, Alabama; E. B. Lott, Mississippi; William S. Lee, Florida; R. M. Tindall, Mississippi; S. R. Olliphant, Mississippi; J. M. Heard, Mississippi; S. N. Denham, Missouri; John L. Moore, Georgia; G. T. Pursley, Arkansas; John F. Kennedy, Mississippi; Edwin C. Lyles, Mississippi; T. W. Yates, Texas; Harnet Pinson, Arkansas; John Gerdine, Mississippi; J. Purvis Jenkins, Louisiana; D. R. Hewitt, Kentucky; N. J. Thompson, Mississippi; Samuel Parker, Mississippi; J. Jeff. Hale, Mississippi; John P. Furniss, Mississippi; John H. Brack, Mississippi; M. Deavenport, Mississippi; George H. Moore, Louisiana; J. S. Meriwether, Alabama; James B. Wiggins, South Carolina; James M. Warren, South Carolina; William T. Grant, Georgia; James B. Hinkle, Georgia; Robert D. Jackson, Alabama; John F. McLane, Georgia; Wilfred Du Pont, South Carolina; Frank R. Calhoun, South Carolina; William M. Inabnett, South Carolina; Matthew W. Abney, South Carolina; William H. Benson, Alabama; James H. Houston, Alabama; Robert Q. Stacy, Georgia; William Magill, Georgia; George S. Trezevant, South Carolina; George H. Bright, South Carolina; Hilliard H. Harley, Louisiana; E. R. Vernon, Tennessee; J. C. Word, Tennessee; Henry J. Warmuth, Georgia; Charles Hardee, Florida; R. T. De Aragon, Texas; H. F. Oliver, Alabama; S. C. Caldwell, Tennessee; Robert G. Rothrock, Tennessee; J. J. Wade, Mississippi; Benjamin C. Blake, Alabama; John M. Lemmon, Missouri; A. S. Yarborough, Mississippi; D. B. Peirce, Mississippi; J. M. Haynes, Mississippi; Albert R. Taber, South Carolina; Gustavus G. Roy, Georgia; David H. Connally, Georgia; Thomas S. Mitchell, Georgia; Robert Wilson, South Carolina; William C. Silliman, Louisiana; Lewis D. Carson, South Carolina; William D. Weldon, Georgia; Charles B. Addison, Georgia; Eldridge T. McSwain, South Carolina; Nicholas P. Marlow, Alabama; John P. Cameron, Georgia; Esidro J. Oliveros, Georgia; Theodosius Alston, South Carolina; Thomas H. Wilkerson, Georgia; Thomas P. Gary, Florida; Edward H. Sholl, Alabama; George W. Coxwell, Georgia; Benjamin J. Moseley, Georgia; Allen T. Lipford, Florida; Thomas J. Palmer, Alabama; S. W. Franklin, Mississippi; C. L. Evans, Mississippi; James W. Dupree, Louisiana; Lea Williamson, Mississippi; E. B. Blocker, Texas; F. A. Anderson, Kentucky; R. T. Wilson, Mississippi; James W. Miller, Mississippi; William J. Armstrong, Tennessee; A. M. King, Mississippi; T. J. Rogers, Mississippi; Martin S. Schofield, Missouri; William C. Lewis, Louisiana; Anderson McCarty, Mississippi; H. H. Ferrell, Mississippi; Richard N. Venable, Mississippi; Thomas H. Turner, Arkansas; Robert Duncan, Missouri; John R. Lowther, Arkansas; William P. Smith, Texas; James T. Leath, Arkansas; James L. Davis, Louisiana; F. D. Hallonquist, Texas; David W. Fentress, Texas; Alonzo G. V. Doney, Texas; Robert J. Bell, Missouri; C. C. Taliaferro, Texas; David C. Hewson, Texas; George W. Bryan, Texas; Richard L. Smith, Texas; J. Baldwin Brock, Virginia; William MacN. Whistler, Maryland; Ozy R. Horton, South Carolina; George Stanley King, District of Columbia; Sidney E. Babcock, South Carolina; Andrew Bowie, Alabama; Josiah N. Boggs, Alabama; Julius A. Caldwell, North Carolina; Edward C. Eppes, Virginia; William Morris, Virginia; James J. Palmer, Georgia; M. A. Shackelford, Georgia; A. P. McCullough, Tennessee; Benjamin F. Duvall, Kentucky; John S. Pride, Tennessee; Wil-

liam G. Gamble, Alabama; Louis D. Carter, Tennessee; James S. McDonough, Tennessee; James S. Fish, Georgia; John Goodman, Tennessee; Charles P. Bogan, Arkansas; John G. Russell, Missouri; William S. Fowler, Texas; S. O. B. Crockett, Mississippi; Thomas B. Benedict, Louisiana; R. H. Rutherford, Arkansas; James H. Mullins, Texas; William J. Cocke, Texas; Edward Pollard, Virginia; John R. Hinton, Virginia; Robert C. Carroll, Georgia; Edwin E. Kellam, South Carolina; Peter Goolrick, Virginia; Isaac R. Godwin, Virginia; Reginald H. Goode, Virginia; John A. Nelson, Virginia; Joseph C. Vaiden, Virginia; Jason F. Norman, South Carolina; David M. Clarke, South Carolina; Henry Briscoe, Maryland; William A. Shelby, Georgia; Eleazar A. Pyatt, Tennessee; Richard Fowler, Florida; William A. Anderson, Mississippi; A. Thornburgh, Georgia; John Carmichael, Arkansas; Hugh M. Rogers, North Carolina; George G. Mathews, Alabama; Benjamin Franklin, Tennessee; William C. Bellamy, Alabama; Alfred M. Alsbrook, Tennessee; Henry Dye, Texas; James B. Simons, Arkansas; N. F. Kirkland, South Carolina; Henry T. Heard, Mississippi; Lewis Stephens, Mississippi; P. D. Coulson, Tennessee; Henry L. Burton, Arkansas; S. C. Young, Mississippi; Benjamin F. Kittrell, Mississippi; R. H. Jones, Mississippi.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

RICHMOND, VA., *March 12, 1863.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I hereby nominate Vans M. Robertson, to be postmaster at Huntsville, Ala., agreeably to the recommendation of the Postmaster-General.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, March 12, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend for appointment as postmaster at Huntsville, Madison County, Ala., with the advice and consent of the Senate, Vans M. Robertson, esq., who was appointed during the recess of the Senate.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN H. REAGAN,
Postmaster-General.

The PRESIDENT.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of Vans M. Robertson, to be postmaster at Huntsville, Ala.; and it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 10th instant) the nominations of J. H. Barker, W. H. Blackwell, James T. Proctor, E. S. Trout, Judson M. Kent, C. P. Toney, William H. Huff, J. M. Spencer, J. D. F. Thompson, John J. Dempster, J. T. Smith, John D. Talbert, James G. Lyell, Thomas S. Wilkerson, T. B. Tompkins, John M. Kidd, John R. Merritt, William Shelton, to be second lieutenants (for distinguished valor and skill); C. L. C. Dupny, George E. Strawbridge, Jacob C. Purdy, Charles A. Devall, to be second lieutenants (artillery); John A. Minnis, H. H. Bein, John B. Kent, Joseph E. Haynes, John W. Wofford, William M. Cravens, Edward Y. Clarke, A. P. Forsyth, R. S. Folger, J. C. Porter, Paul Jones, jr., R. H. Cunningham, F. P. Koonce, Felix Warley, Henry Piussan, Ives Smedes, R. T. Watts, O. E. Stuart, Lucius H. Smith, J. S. Richardson, Thomas J. Hall, jr., William P. Frink, Thomas Lewis, Grafton Tyler, W. H. Stewart, to be adjutants,

with the rank of first lieutenant, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to their respective nominations by the President.

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a petition of the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company, praying the passage of an act authorizing the Secretary of War to supply the iron required for the construction of the Piedmont Railroad; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Attorney-General, transmitting reports upon certain claims on file in the Department of Justice; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Clay, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 78) to prevent the absence of officers and soldiers without leave, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Clay, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 84) to amend an act entitled "An act to prohibit the exportation of cotton from the Confederate States, except through the seaports of said States, and to punish persons offending therein," approved May 21, 1861, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That it be printed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 21) for the condemnation to public use of all cotton within the Confederate States, providing for the payment thereof, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on Claims, to whom were referred certain papers relating to a large amount of army supplies now in the possession of the Government, alleged to have been bought with counterfeit Treasury notes in Texas, and for the payment for which there are conflicting claimants, submitted a report (No. 7) in relation to the subject; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 15) for the reorganization of the Navy of the Confederate States, to establish and equalize the grade of officers, and for other purposes, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

Mr. Brown presented the memorial of acting masters' mates in the Confederate States Navy, praying for an increase of pay; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 86) to provide for the arrest of soldiers absent from their commands without leave, and providing compensation to their captors; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 3) to organize the Supreme Court of the Confederate States.

The question being on agreeing to the following amendment proposed to the bill by Mr. Clay, viz:

Add the following independent section:

SEC. 6. That sections forty-five and forty-six of an act of the Provisional Congress entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America," approved sixteenth March, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, be, and the same are hereby, repealed,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., March 16, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of State, I hereby nominate Lucius Q. C. Lamar, to be commissioner to Russia, and Walker Fearn, to be secretary of the commission.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

Richmond, March 14, 1863.

To the President of the Confederate States:

Col. Lucius Q. C. Lamar, of Mississippi, having been appointed commissioner of the Confederate States to Russia on the 19th of November last, during a recess of the Senate, and Walker Fearn, esq., of Alabama, having on the same day been appointed secretary of the commission to Russia, I have now the honor to recommend their nomination to the Senate for confirmation as commissioner and secretary aforesaid.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. P. BENJAMIN,

Secretary of State.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of Sam. G. Battle, jr., James B. Cleveland, J. B. Humphreys, Charles L. Huger, and Edward W. Macbeth, to be second lieutenants; R. F. Sloan, H. A. Walker, J. F. Fuller, A. L. McFee, T. J. Moore, F. Foster, J. R. Carwile, N. B. Clinch, J. H. Bullock, J. M. McKleroy, R. J. Washington, W. E. Munford, William Wade, C. H. Ragsdale, R. J. Prather, F. Strange, T. F. Mitchell, W. N. Rose, A. M. Waddell, W. J. Wood, T. J. Portis, U. L. York, M. F. Gordon, W. S. Pope, T. L. Sanford, J. B. Marsden, W. S. Williamson, John

D. Watson, W. O. Butler, jr., James D. Thomas, James O. Ferrell, H. B. Barbour, James M. Wade, J. P. Whitman, J. P. Gaston, A. M. Moore, J. F. Greenwood, B. A. Griffin, L. Frank Dozier, B. W. Ball, S. R. Hensley, A. J. Robert, J. H. Robinson, F. J. Haywood, jr., J. Cameron, T. C. James, J. R. Bisland, B. H. Lofton, R. F. Jones, W. D. Waller, and D. W. Oates, to be adjutants, with rank of first lieutenant, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to their respective nominations by the President.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Sparrow on the 10th instant, declaring it to be inexpedient for the Senate to confirm any more nominations for major or brigadier generals until a response should be made to the resolution of the Senate of the 30th of January last, asking for the number of major and brigadier generals and the number of divisions and brigades now in the service.

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Sparrow,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 9) to authorize the impressment of private property for the use of the Army and other military purposes, ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and have appointed Mr. Holcombe of Virginia, Mr. Chilton of Alabama, and Mr. Garland of Arkansas as managers at the same on their part.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendment to the bill (H. R. 9) disagreed to by the House of Representatives; and

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

Resolved, That they insist on their amendment to the said bill and agree to the conference asked by the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Haynes, Mr. Wigfall, and Mr. Caperton were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 87) to regulate the supplies of clothing to enlisted men of the Navy during the war; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

*The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 3) to organize the Supreme Court of the Confederate States.

The question being on agreeing to the following amendment proposed to the bill by Mr. Clay, viz:

Add the following independent section:

SEC. 6. That sections forty-five and forty-six of an act of the Provisional Congress entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America," approved sixteenth March, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, be, and the same are hereby, repealed,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Simmes submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted on the thirteenth instant, fixing the regular hour of meeting of the Senate, on and after Monday, the sixteenth instant, at eleven o'clock antemeridian, be, and the same is hereby, rescinded.

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., March 17, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I deem it proper to inform the Senate that I have given commissions to James M. Mason, John Slidell, and Lucius Q. C. Lamar, investing them with the powers of envoys extraordinary and ministers plenipotentiary of this Government near the respective courts of London, Paris, and St. Petersburg.

As these commissions were to take effect only upon the contingency of the recognition of the Confederacy by those courts, respectively, and are held in abeyance till that event, I considered that it would not be proper to submit the nominations for these appointments to the Senate for its advice and consent until the time arrived when the commissions are to take effect.

It has occurred to me, however, that the Senate may be of opinion that these nominations should be submitted to it at the present session. If such should be the judgment of the Senate, the nominations will be submitted before its adjournment.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of William L. Maury, to be commander; Henry B. Claiborne, to be first lieutenant; Mortimer M. Benton and John S. Van de Graff, to be second lieutenants, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to their respective nominations by the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of F. W. Kilpatrick, J. Q. A. Nadenbousch, E. Pendleton, R. W. MacGavock, Jack Thorington, A. S. Vandeventer, James W. Jackson, to be colonels; R. T. Colston, Rich. W. Turner, E. M. Feild, James R. Herbert, McG. Goodwyn, Jos. H. Hyman, James H. May, William Grace, J. N. Dorsey, Jos. F. Waring, T. V. Walsh, M. J. Bulger, L. H. N. Salyer, to be lieutenant-colonels; James W. Newton, Loudon Butler, John R. Lewellen, John C. Van Hook, N. A. Isom, J. B. McColloch, William G. Conner, Evan Rice, James M. Campbell, L. J. Perkins, to be majors; John E. Gilbert, to be first lieutenant, and H. R. Morrison and William F. Fitzgerald, to be second lieutenants, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to their respective nominations by the President.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Sparrow on the 10th instant, declaring it to be inexpedient for the Senate to confirm any more nominations for major or brigadier generals until a response should be made to the resolution of the Senate of the 30th of January last, asking for the number of major and brigadier generals and the number of divisions and brigades now in the service.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend said resolution by striking out all after "That" and inserting as follows:

the President be requested to communicate to the Senate any portion of the information in relation to the number of major and brigadier generals and the number of divisions and brigades asked for by the resolution of the thirtieth day of January last which may be prepared,

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the proposed amendment by striking out all after "That" and inserting as follows:

the President be requested to inform the Senate whether any and what steps have been taken to furnish the Senate with an answer to its resolution of the thirtieth January, to furnish the Senate with a list of all regimental, brigade, and division commanders, with the regiment, brigade, and division commanded by them, and a list of all quartermasters and commissaries and assistant quartermasters and commissaries, and, if any steps have been taken to answer it, what progress has been made in preparing it, and if not, what is the reason therefor,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the amendment as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The resolution as amended was then agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Caperton presented the memorial of William Bowles, praying the passage of an act allowing J. F. Shepard to convey certain property now in course of sequestration; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 74) to amend an act entitled "An act for the establishment and organization of a general staff for the Army of the Confederate States of America," approved February 26, 1861, reported it with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the bill and amendment be printed.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 13) to amend an act for the establishment and organization of a general staff for the Army of the Confederate States; and no amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ----- 16
Nays ----- 3

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Clark, Davis, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Clay, Johnson of Arkansas, and Yancey.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 3) to organize the Supreme Court of the Confederate States.

On the question to agree to the following amendment proposed to the bill by Mr. Clay, viz:

Add the following independent section:

SEC. 6. That sections forty-five and forty-six of an act of the Provisional Congress entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America," approved sixteenth March, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, be, and the same are hereby, repealed,

After debate,

Mr. Brown demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being put,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ----- 16
Nays ----- 6

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Clark, Clay, Haynes, Hunter, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, Peyton, Semmes, Sparrow, Wigfall, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Davis, Henry, Hill, Phelan, and Simms.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

On the question,

Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?

Mr. Burnett demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being put,

It was determined in the affirmative.

So it was

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas.....	14
	{ Nays.....	8

On a motion by Mr. Semmes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Clay, Haynes, Hill, Hunter, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, Peyton, Phelan, Semmes, Wigfall, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Davis, Henry, Simms, and Sparrow.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Henry on the 9th instant, instructing said committee to inquire whether the enemy are in the habit of disregarding the parole of prisoners taken by our Army, and of ordering them again into their service before they have been exchanged, and that it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 8. An act to provide and organize engineer troops to serve during the war; and

H. R. 13. An act to amend an act for the establishment and organization of a general staff for the Army of the Confederate States.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., March 18, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

Herewith is transmitted a communication from the Postmaster-General, calling attention to the serious embarrassments in which the postal service is becoming involved under the operation of the act of 11th of October last, which rendered all postmasters except those appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, and all contractors for carrying the mails, their riders and drivers, between the ages of 18 and 45, liable to military duty. In the opinion of the Postmaster-General it will be impracticable to continue the postal service in large districts of our country without some modification of this legislation.

Under present military necessities I am very reluctant to increase the list of exemptions, and were this a case which did not involve a great public interest, would decline to communicate the recommendation to you. In view of the vital importance of maintaining mail communications throughout our country, and the small number of persons who appear to be necessary to the continuance of the postal service, I present the communication of the Postmaster-General and commend it to your attention.

Should you concur with me in the propriety of allowing some exemptions for the purpose proposed, I would suggest that it be confined to contractors, to the exclusion of subcontractors, and that the number of drivers be limited so as not to exceed one for (say) every twenty-five miles of service in coaches, and that the whole number of exemptions shall not exceed (say) fifteen hundred.

With these, or similar restrictions, I am of opinion that the rule of subjecting all citizens alike to the performance of their duty in defense of the country might be relaxed in the present case as being for the interest both of the people at large and their defenders in the field.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

On motion by Mr. Haynes,
The Senate adjourned

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the amendments of the Senate to their fourteenth and seventeenth amendments to the bill (S. 11) to provide for the further issue of Treasury notes, and for other purposes; disagree to the amendment of the Senate to their eighteenth amendment to said bill, and recede from their nineteenth, twenty-first, and twenty-second amendments to the same.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendment, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the eighteenth amendment of the House to the bill (S. 11) last mentioned; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Resolved, That they recede therefrom.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 6) in relation to foreign affairs.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Haynes, that the resolution lie upon the table,

On motion by Mr. Davis,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Simms,

Ordered, That the Hon. Henry C. Burnett have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Thursday, the 26th instant.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 21) for the condemnation to public use of all cotton within the Confederate States, providing for the payment thereof, and for other purposes; and

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That it be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 5) to establish the court for the investigation of claims against the Government of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by striking out, section 1, line 10, the word "October" and inserting "May,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by striking out the word "February," section 1, line 10,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Davis, to fill the blank in the tenth line of the first section with "November,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

An amendment having been proposed to the bill by Mr. Semmes,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Yancey was, on his motion, granted leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Saturday, the 28th instant.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas.

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

• *Ordered*, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the bill (S. 11) to provide for the further issue of Treasury notes, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 6) in relation to foreign affairs.

On motion by Mr. Haynes, that the resolution lie upon the table,

After debate,

Mr. Davis demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being put,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	15
	{ Nays	5

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Caperton, Davis, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Peyton, Phelan, Semmes, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,
Messrs. Clark, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, and Wigfall.

So it was

Ordered, That this resolution lie upon the table.

Mr. Henry submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to investigate the truth of the allegation that the brokers and others in the city of Richmond are publicly offering the currency of the United States, known as "greenbacks," for sale or exchange for Confederate money, at a ruinous discount on the latter, and that they report, by bill or otherwise, what legislation may be necessary, if any, to correct an evil which so manifestly tends to the depreciation of our currency.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, March 19, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

In response to your resolution of the 17th instant, and in partial response to that of January 30, I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, covering a list of major-generals and brigadier-generals in the Provisional Army.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 13th ultimo) the nomination of Charles L. Haralson, to be lieutenant for the war, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 2d instant) the nominations of H. K. Aiken, L. L. Lomax, to be colonels; E. P. Tayloe, to be lieutenant-colonel; H. L. Andrews, to be major; J. W. Marshall, F. M. Williams, F. C. Lucas, H. Austill, R. Tarleton, and S. G. Battle, jr., to be second lieutenants, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Orr, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 17th instant) the message of the President relative to the nomination of James M. Mason, John Slidell, and Lucius Q. C. Lamar as envoys extraordinary and ministers plenipotentiary near the respective courts of London, Paris, and St. Petersburg, submitted a report (No. 8), accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Senate, in answer to the message of the President of the seventeenth instant, it is inexpedient that any nomination or confirmation of envoys extraordinary and ministers plenipotentiary should be made to any foreign

court until the independent confederation of these States shall have been recognized by the powers respectively to whom such envoys and ministers are to be accredited.

Mr. Orr, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 16th instant) the message of the President nominating Lucius Q. C. Lamar, to be commissioner to Russia, and Walker Fearn, to be secretary of the commission, reported the same, with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient at this time to send a commissioner to Russia.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Mitchel (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 9) for the relief of the clerks and employees in the Confederate States Arsenal at Richmond; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a resolution of the senate of Virginia, tendering the use of their chamber to the Senate of the Confederate States; which was read.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

Mr. Sparrow submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved (the House of Representatives concurring), That the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives adjourn their respective Houses, sine die, on Monday, the sixth day of April next, at two o'clock postmeridian.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 5) to establish the court for the investigation of claims against the Government of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by striking out the words "against the Confederate States," section 2, line 2, and inserting the words

founded upon any law of Congress, or upon any regulation of an Executive Department, or upon any contract, express or implied, with the Government of the Confederate States,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas -----	8
	{ Nays -----	9

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Hunter, Maxwell, Orr, Peyton, Semmes, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Clark, Davis, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Mitchel, Oldham, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the first section the following proviso:

Provided, That in all cases where, under the law, the examination and allowance of claims is authorized to be made by any officer in the Executive Departments, or any military or naval officers, that the Court of Claims shall not have cognizance thereof until the same has been examined by said officer or officers,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by striking out, section 5, lines 1 and 2, the words "shall receive a salary of dollars per annum,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Clark, to amend the bill by filling the blank in the third line of the fifth section with "five thousand,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by striking out, in the sixth and seventh lines of the fifth section, the words "and to do equal right to the poor and the rich,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by filling the blank in the ninth line of the sixth section with "twenty-five hundred,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by striking out, in the eighth and ninth lines of the sixth section, the words "a salary of twenty-five hundred dollars per annum" and inserting the words

fees, to be fixed by the court, for services rendered by him: *Provided*, That the amount to be received by the clerk shall not exceed in any one year four thousand dollars, after deducting office expenses and clerk hire; and the balance, if any, shall be paid into the Treasury,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by filling the blank in the tenth line of the sixth section, fixing the salary of the assistant clerk, with "two thousand,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by filling the blank in the tenth line of the sixth section, fixing the salary of the marshal, with "twelve hundred,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by filling the blank in the eleventh line of the sixth section, fixing the salary of the master, with "twenty-five hundred,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by filling the blank in the fourteenth line of the eighth section, fixing the salary of the solicitor, with "four thousand," and by filling the blank in the fifteenth line of the same section, fixing the salary of the junior solicitor, with "three thousand,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by striking out "cause," section 11, line 3, and inserting "order;" by striking out, lines 3 and 4, the words "under the directions of the Superintendent of Public Printing," and by inserting at the end of the section the words "the said printing to be done at the expense of the claimant,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the eleventh section the following proviso:

Provided, That the court shall deem such printing necessary to the proper understanding of the cause,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Davis, to amend the bill by striking out the eleventh section,

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Orr and Mr. Davis severally gave notice of their intention to propose sundry amendments to the bill; which were ordered to be printed;

When,

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 58) to establish a volunteer navy; and

On motion by Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, March 19, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I nominate the persons named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFF'N DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, NAVY DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, March 19, 1863.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Navy:

Assistant surgeons for the war.

John P. Lipscomb, of North Carolina, vice H. B. Meade, of Mississippi, declined.
William C. Jones, of Arkansas; Henry Christmas, of Mississippi; William Sheppardson, of Alabama.

With much respect, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

RICHMOND, March 19, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, February 11, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotions and appointments in the Army of the Confederate States of America:

Promotions.

Cadet E. W. Anderson, of Florida, to be second lieutenant, Corps of Artillery, November 12, 1861.

Cadet J. L. S. Kirby, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant, Corps of Infantry, November 2, 1862.

Appointments.

Jacob Brice, of Mississippi, to be military storekeeper of ordnance, with rank of first lieutenant (vice Faulkner, resigned), October 23, 1862.

George Marchbanks, of Tennessee, to be second lieutenant, infantry, December 4, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

RICHMOND, March 19, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, March 2, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

A. Coward, of South Carolina, to be colonel Fifth South Carolina Regiment (regiment formed from a battalion and an unattached company), to rank August 12, 1862.

W. B. Wade, of Alabama, to be colonel Eighth Confederate Regiment Cavalry (regiment formed from battalions), to rank June 15, 1862.

C. W. Sears, of Mississippi, to be colonel Forty-sixth Mississippi Regiment (regiment formed from a battalion and unattached companies), to rank December 11, 1862.

Charles T. Goode, of Georgia, to be colonel Tenth Confederate Regiment (regiment formed from battalions), to rank December 27, 1862.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. J. T. Montgomery, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel First Georgia Battalion Artillery (battalion increased to over five companies), to rank October 14, 1862.

Maj. M. M. Slaughter, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Tenth Confederate Regiment (regiment formed from battalions), to rank December 27, 1862.

Majors.

Capt. T. W. Brevard, of Florida, to be major Second Florida Battalion, Partisan Rangers (battalion formed from unattached companies), to rank September 2, 1862.

John S. Prather, of Alabama, to be major Eighth Confederate Regiment (regiment formed from battalions), to rank June 15, 1862.

John B. Rudolph, of Georgia, to be major Tenth Confederate Regiment (regiment formed from battalions), to rank December 27, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

RICHMOND, March 19, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, March 2, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

SIGNAL CORPS.

Major.

William Norris, of Virginia, to be Chief Signal Corps, to rank October 8, 1862.

Signal officer, with the rank of captain.

M. L. Randolph, of Virginia, to be assigned to duty by Maj. W. Norris, to rank October 8, 1862.

Signal officers, with the rank of first lieutenant.

R. J. Brownfield, of South Carolina, to be assigned to duty by Maj. W. Norris, to rank December 19, 1862; S. M. Routh, of Louisiana, to be assigned to duty by Maj. W. Norris, to rank October 8, 1862.

Signal officers, with the rank of second lieutenant.

James L. Crittenden, of Texas, to be assigned to duty by Maj. W. Norris, to rank December 6, 1862; George E. Tabb, of Virginia, to be assigned to duty by Maj. W. Norris, to rank December 16, 1862; John Bellinger, of Georgia, to be assigned to duty by Maj. W. Norris, to rank December 29, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

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JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, March 2, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotions in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

Lieut. Col. H. B. Granbury, of Texas, to be colonel Seventh Texas Regiment, vice Col. J. Gregg, appointed brigadier-general August 29, 1862.

Lieut. Col. D. B. Penn, of Louisiana, to be colonel Seventh Louisiana Regiment, vice Col. H. T. Hays, appointed brigadier-general July 25, 1862.

Lieut. Col. W. C. Wickham, of Virginia, to be colonel Fourth Virginia Regiment Cavalry, vice Col. B. H. Robertson, appointed brigadier-general June 9, 1862.

Lieut. Col. R. H. Crockett, of Arkansas, to be colonel Eighteenth Arkansas Regiment, vice Colonel Daly, killed October 4, 1862.

Lieut. Col. W. P. Shingler, of South Carolina, to be colonel Holcombe Legion, vice Col. P. F. Stevens, resigned November 5, 1862.

Lieut. Col. C. T. Zachry, of Georgia, to be colonel Twenty-seventh Georgia Regiment, vice Col. L. B. Smith, killed September 17, 1862.

Lieut. Col. H. G. Bunn, of Arkansas, to be colonel Fourth Arkansas Regiment, vice Col. E. McNair, appointed brigadier-general November 4, 1862.

Lieut. Col. Emory F. Best, of Georgia, to be colonel Twenty-third Georgia Regiment, vice Col. W. P. Barclay, killed September 17, 1862.

Lieut. Col. R. Q. Mills, of Texas, to be colonel Tenth Texas Regiment, vice Col. A. Nelson, appointed brigadier-general September 12, 1862.

Lieut. Col. Alfred Rhett, of South Carolina, to be colonel First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, vice Col. W. R. Calhoun, died September 5, 1862.

Lieut. Col. M. W. Gary, of South Carolina, to be colonel Hampton Legion, vice Col. J. B. Griffin, declined August 25, 1862.

Lieut. Col. J. H. Morehead, of North Carolina, to be colonel Forty-fifth North Carolina Regiment, vice Col. J. Daniel, appointed brigadier-general September 30, 1862.

Lieut. Col. Philip Cook, of Georgia, to be colonel Fourth Georgia Regiment, vice Col. G. Doles, appointed brigadier-general November 1, 1862.

Lieut. Col. J. B. Gilmore, of Louisiana, to be colonel Third Louisiana Regiment, vice Col. F. C. Armstrong, resigned November 5, 1862.

Lieut. Col. T. Harrison, of Texas, to be colonel Eighth Texas Regiment, vice Col. J. A. Wharton, appointed brigadier-general November 18, 1862.

Lieut. Col. W. Monaghan, of Louisiana, to be colonel Sixth Louisiana Regiment, vice Col. Nat. Offutt, resigned November 7, 1862.

Lieut. Col. C. A. Battle, of Alabama, to be colonel Third Alabama Regiment, vice Col. T. Lomax, killed May 31, 1862.

Lieut. Col. P. M. B. Young, of Georgia, to be colonel Cobb's (Georgia) Legion, vice Col. T. R. R. Cobb, appointed brigadier-general November 1, 1862.

Lieut. Col. E. J. Walker, of Georgia, to be colonel Third Georgia Regiment, vice Col. J. R. Sturges, killed July 1, 1862.

Lieut. Col. T. J. Simmons, of Georgia, to be colonel Forty-fifth Georgia Regiment, vice Col. T. Hardeman, resigned October 13, 1862.

Lieut. Col. R. W. Folsom, of Georgia, to be colonel Fourteenth Georgia Regiment, vice Col. Felix Price, resigned October 23, 1862.

Lieut. Col. B. H. Holt, of Georgia, to be colonel Thirty-fifth Georgia Regiment, vice Col. E. L. Thomas, appointed brigadier-general November 1, 1862.

Lieut. Col. Tully Graybill, of Georgia, to be colonel Twenty-eighth Georgia Regiment, vice Col. J. G. Cain, dropped November 3, 1862.

Lieut. Col. John F. Conoley, of Alabama, to be colonel Twenty-ninth Alabama Regiment, vice Col. J. R. F. Tattnall, resigned December 9, 1862.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. T. M. Terry, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel Seventh Louisiana Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. D. B. Penn, promoted July 25, 1862.

Maj. William H. Payne, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fourth Virginia Regiment Cavalry, vice Lieut. Col. W. C. Wickham, promoted June 9, 1862.

Maj. J. D. Mathews, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-eighth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. L. J. Parr, promoted July 15, 1862.

Maj. Thomas H. Owen, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Third Virginia Regiment Cavalry, vice Lieut. Col. W. H. Jones, resigned October 21, 1862.

Maj. J. R. Lane, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-sixth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. H. K. Burgwyn, promoted October 11, 1862.

Maj. J. H. Huggins, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-third Georgia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. E. F. Best, promoted September 17, 1862.

Maj. Willis C. Holt, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Tenth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. B. Weems, assigned to duty as commandant Camp of Instruction, Macon, Ga., October 29, 1862.

Maj. R. B. Young, of Texas, to be lieutenant-colonel Tenth Texas Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. R. Q. Mills, promoted September 12, 1862.

Maj. J. A. Yates, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, vice Lieut. Col. A. Rhett, promoted September 5, 1862.

Maj. David Zable, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel Fourteenth Louisiana Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. Z. York, promoted August 15, 1862.

Maj. D. R. E. Winn, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fourth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. P. Cook, promoted November 1, 1862.

Maj. N. H. Harris, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Nineteenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. Mullins, promoted November 24, 1862.

Maj. S. D. Russell, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel Third Louisiana Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. B. Gilmore, promoted November 5, 1862.

Maj. A. Johnston, of Kentucky, to be lieutenant-colonel Third Kentucky Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. B. Anderson, resigned June 1, 1862.

Maj. L. J. Glenn, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Cobb's (Georgia) Legion, vice Lieut. Col. J. M. Lamar, died September 15, 1862.

Maj. Jos. Hanlon, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixth Louisiana Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. W. Monaghan, promoted November 7, 1862.

Maj. C. Forsyth, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Third Alabama Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. C. A. Battle, promoted May 31, 1862.

Maj. W. G. Delony, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Cobb's (Georgia) Legion, vice Lieut. Col. P. M. B. Young, promoted November 1, 1862.

Maj. R. B. Nisbet, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Third Georgia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. E. J. Walker, promoted July 1, 1862.

Maj. W. L. Grice, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-fifth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. T. J. Simmons, promoted October 13, 1862.

Maj. Jonathan Rivers, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-ninth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. S. M. Manning, died September 9, 1862.

Maj. W. H. McCullohs, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-fifth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. B. H. Holt, promoted November 1, 1862.

Maj. T. B. Manlove, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-eighth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. W. S. Wilson, died November 3, 1862.

Maj. Bruce Menger, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifth Louisiana Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. W. T. Dean, resigned January 3, 1863.

Majors.

Capt. John T. Jones, of North Carolina, to be major Twenty-sixth North Carolina Regiment, vice Maj. J. S. Kendall, promoted September 27, 1862.

Capt. A. Brady, of Louisiana, to be major Fifteenth Louisiana Regiment, vice Maj. McG. Goodwyn, promoted August 30, 1862.

Capt. R. S. Taylor, of Arkansas, to be major Third Arkansas Regiment, vice Maj. J. H. Capers, resigned April 23, 1862.

Capt. E. M. Morrison, of Virginia, to be major Fifteenth Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. St. G. Tucker, promoted August 19, 1862.

Capt. W. R. Carter, of Virginia, to be major Third Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. T. H. Owens, promoted October 21, 1862.

Capt. Joseph Palmer, of Georgia, to be major Fourteenth Georgia Battalion Artillery, vice Maj. J. T. Montgomery, appointed lieutenant-colonel October 14, 1862.

Capt. John R. Bagby, of Virginia, to be major Fourth Virginia Regiment Artillery, vice Maj. J. W. Leigh, resigned November 3, 1862.

Capt. J. J. Longmire, of Alabama, to be major Twenty-third Alabama Regiment, vice Maj. F. Tate, resigned August 9, 1862.

Capt. T. M. Logan, of South Carolina, to be major Hampton Legion, vice Maj. J. H. Dingle, killed September 17, 1862.

Capt. John L. Miller, of South Carolina, to be major Second South Carolina Regiment, vice Maj. W. H. McCorkle, promoted September 17, 1862.

Capt. M. R. Ballenger, of Georgia, to be major Twenty-third Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. J. H. Huggins, promoted September 17, 1862.

Capt. P. H. Loud, of Georgia, to be major Tenth Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. W. C. Holt, promoted October 29, 1862.

Capt. S. C. Brasher, of Texas, to be major Tenth Texas Regiment, vice Maj. R. B. Young, promoted September 12, 1862.

Capt. O. Blanding, of South Carolina, to be major First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, vice Maj. J. A. Yates, promoted September 5, 1862.

Capt. J. P. Brewster, of Georgia, to be major Fifty-sixth Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. M. L. Pool, resigned August 20, 1862.

Capt. J. O. Hensley, of Virginia, to be major Tenth Virginia Battalion, vice Maj. W. Allen, resigned August 19, 1862.

Capt. W. G. Vaughan, of Mississippi, to be major Nineteenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Maj. N. H. Harris, promoted November 24, 1862.

Capt. D. Pierson, of Louisiana, to be major Third Louisiana Regiment, vice Maj. S. D. Russell, promoted November 5, 1862.

Capt. James H. Bowman, of Kentucky, to be major Third Kentucky Regiment, vice Maj. A. Johnston, promoted June 1, 1862.

Capt. Thomas Camak, of Georgia, to be major Cobb's (Georgia) Legion, vice Maj. L. J. Glenn, promoted September 15, 1862.

Capt. William H. Manning, of Louisiana, to be major Sixth Louisiana Regiment, vice Maj. Joseph Hanlon, promoted November 7, 1862.

Capt. R. M. Sands, of Alabama, to be major Third Alabama Regiment, vice Maj. C. Forsyth, promoted May 31, 1862.

Capt. John F. Jones, of Georgia, to be major Third Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. R. B. Nisbet, promoted July 1, 1862.

Capt. M. R. Rogers, of Georgia, to be major Forty-fifth Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. W. L. Grice, promoted October 13, 1862.

Capt. S. T. Player, of Georgia, to be major Forty-ninth Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. J. Rivers, promoted September 9, 1862.

Capt. J. M. Fielder, of Georgia, to be major Fourteenth Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. W. A. Harris, promoted October 23, 1862.

Capt. W. L. Groves, of Georgia, to be major Thirty-fifth Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. W. H. McCullohs, promoted November 1, 1862.

Capt. W. H. Toler, of Louisiana, to be major Fourteenth Louisiana Regiment, vice Maj. D. Zable, promoted August 15, 1862.

Capt. R. A. Wayne, of Georgia, to be major First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), vice Maj. John D. Walker, died of wounds October 3, 1862.

Capt. L. C. Lee, of Mississippi, to be major Forty-eighth Mississippi Regiment, vice Maj. T. B. Manlove, promoted November 3, 1862.

Capt. Z. A. Rice, of Georgia, to be major Cobb's (Georgia) Legion, vice Maj. W. G. Delony, promoted November 1, 1862.

Capt. A. Hart, of Louisiana, to be major Fifth Louisiana Regiment, vice Maj. B. Menger, promoted August 3, 1862.

Captains.

First Lieut. C. W. Parker, of South Carolina, to be captain, First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, vice Capt. J. A. Yates, promoted July 17, 1862.

First Lieut. J. R. Macbeth, of South Carolina, to be captain, First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, vice Capt. O. Blanding, promoted September 5, 1862.

First Lieut. John Howard, of Georgia, to be captain, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), vice Capt. John G. Patton, killed August 30, 1862.

First Lieut. E. P. Bowdre, of Georgia, to be captain, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), vice Capt. R. A. Wayne, promoted October 3, 1862.

First Lieut. L. B. Haynes, of Louisiana, to be captain, First Louisiana Regiment Artillery, vice Capt. J. B. Anderson, appointed major, provisional artillery, September 5, 1862.

First lieutenants.

Second Lieut. H. W. Frost, of South Carolina, to be first lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, vice First Lieut. J. C. Haskell, appointed brigade quartermaster July 17, 1862.

Second Lieut. John S. Bee, of South Carolina, to be first lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, vice First Lieut. C. W. Parker, promoted July 17, 1862.

Second Lieut. T. G. Dargan, of South Carolina, to be first lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, vice First Lieut. R. Croft, died July 25, 1862.

Second Lieut. John Middleton, of South Carolina, to be first lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, vice First Lieut. J. R. Macbeth, promoted September 5, 1862.

Second Lieut. W. Palfrey, of Louisiana, to be first lieutenant, First Louisiana Regiment Artillery, vice First Lieut. J. G. Devereux, appointed major and assistant adjutant-general November 4, 1862.

Second Lieut. W. B. Jones, of Louisiana, to be first lieutenant, First Louisiana Regiment Artillery, vice First Lieut. L. B. Haynes, promoted September 5, 1862.

Second Lieut. A. J. Quigley, of Louisiana, to be first lieutenant, First Louisiana Regiment Artillery, vice First Lieut. B. C. Kennedy, appointed brigade quartermaster August 21, 1862.

Second Lieut. W. T. Mumford, of Louisiana, to be first lieutenant, First Louisiana Regiment Artillery, vice First Lieut. L. B. Taylor, appointed quartermaster Twenty-first Louisiana Regiment September 14, 1862.

Second Lieut. J. P. Butler, of Louisiana, to be first lieutenant, First Louisiana Regiment Artillery, vice First Lieut. A. N. Ogden, promoted November 10, 1862.

Second Lieut. E. D. Woodlief, of Louisiana, to be first lieutenant, First Louisiana Regiment Artillery, vice First Lieut. C. Hunt, resigned October 30, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Clay (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 88) in relation to the custody of persons charged with offenses against the Confederate States;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Clay (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 89) to abolish supernumerary offices in the Commissary's and Quartermaster's Departments; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing for the transmission of foreign mail matter by the way of Matamoras and Havana, in such manner as may be deemed most practicable.

Mr. Phelan (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 90) to continue in force an act entitled "An act to authorize a loan and the issue of Treasury notes; and to prescribe the punishment for forging the same, and for forging certificates of stock and bonds," approved May 16, 1861; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Brown (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 91) to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to pay officers of the Navy their necessary and actual traveling expenses under orders, in lieu of mileage, in certain cases; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Haynes, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 9) to authorize and regulate the impressment of private property for the use of the Army and other military purposes, reported

That they have met the conferees on the part of the House, and, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses:

That the House of Representatives agree to the amendment of the Senate, with the following amendment: Strike out all after the word "That," in the second line of the first section, and insert:

"whenever the exigencies of any army in the field are such as to make impressments of forage, articles of subsistence, or other property absolutely necessary, then such impressment may be made by the officer or officers whose duty it is to furnish such forage, articles of subsistence, or other property for such army. In cases where the owner of such property and the impressing officer can not agree upon the value thereof, it shall be the duty of such impressing officer, upon an affidavit in writing of the owner of such property or his agent, that such property was grown, raised, or produced by said owner, or is held or has been purchased by him not for sale or speculation, but for his own use or consumption, to cause the same to be ascertained and determined by the judgment of two loyal and disinterested citizens of the city, county, or parish in which such impressment may be made, one to be selected by the owner, one by the impressing officer, and in the event of their disagreement, these two shall choose an umpire of like qualification, whose decision shall be final. The persons thus selected, after taking an oath to appraise the property impressed fairly and impartially (which oath, as well as the affidavit provided for in this section, the impressing officer is hereby authorized to administer and certify), shall proceed to assess just compensation for the property so impressed, whether the absolute ownership or the temporary use thereof only is required.

"Sec. 2. That the officer or person impressing property as aforesaid shall, at the time of said taking, pay to the owner, his agent or attorney, the compensation fixed

by said appraisers, and shall also give to the owner or person controlling said property a certificate, over his official signature, specifying the battalion, regiment, brigade, division, or corps to which he belongs, that said property is essential for the use of the Army, could not be otherwise procured, and was taken through absolute necessity; setting forth the time and place when and where taken, the amount of compensation fixed by said appraisers, and the sum, if any, paid for the same. Said certificate shall be evidence for the owner, as well of the taking of said property for the public use, as the right of the owner to the amount of compensation fixed as aforesaid. And in case said officer or person taking said property shall have failed to pay the owner or his agent said compensation as hereinbefore required, then said owner shall be entitled to the speedy payment of the same by the proper disbursing officer, which, when so paid, shall be in full satisfaction of all claim against the Government of the Confederate States.

"SEC. 3. Whenever the appraisement provided for in the first section of this act shall for any reason be impracticable at the time of said impressment, then and in that case, the value of the property impressed shall be assessed as soon as possible by two loyal and disinterested citizens of the city, county, or parish wherein the property was taken, chosen as follows: one by the owner and one by the Commissary or Quartermaster General, or his agent, who, in case of disagreement, shall choose a third citizen of like qualification as an umpire to decide the matters in dispute, who shall be sworn as aforesaid, who shall hear the proofs adduced by the parties as to the value of said property, and assess a just compensation therefor, according to the testimony.

"SEC. 4. That whenever the Secretary of War shall be of opinion that it is necessary to take private property for public use, by reason of the impracticability of procuring the same by purchase, so as to accumulate necessary supplies for the Army, or the good of the service, in any locality, he may, by general order, through the proper subordinate officers, authorize such property to be taken for the public use, the compensation due the owner for the same to be determined and the value found, as provided for in the first and second sections of this act.

"SEC. 5. That it shall be the duty of the President, as early as practicable after the passage of this act, to appoint a commissioner in each State where property shall be taken for the public use, and request the governor of such of the States in which the President shall appoint said commissioners to appoint another commissioner to act in conjunction with the commissioner appointed by the President, who shall receive the compensation of eight dollars per day and ten cents per mile as mileage, to be paid by the Confederate Government. Said commissioners shall constitute a board, whose duty it shall be to fix upon the prices to be paid by the Government for all property impressed or taken for the public use, as aforesaid, so as to afford just compensation to the owners thereof. Said commissioners shall agree upon and publish a schedule of prices every two months, or oftener, if they shall deem it proper; and in the event they shall not be able to agree in any matter confided to them in this act, they shall have power to appoint an umpire to decide the matter in dispute, whose decision shall be the decision of the board; and said umpire shall receive the same rate of compensation for the time he shall serve, allowed to said commissioners, respectively: *Provided*, That said commissioners shall be residents of the State for which they shall be appointed, and if the governor of any State shall refuse or neglect to appoint said commissioner within ten days after a request to do so by the President, the President shall appoint both commissioners, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

"SEC. 6. That all property impressed or taken for the public use, as aforesaid, in the hands of any person other than the persons who have raised, grown, or produced the same, or persons holding the same for their own use or consumption, and who shall make the affidavit hereinbefore required, shall be paid for according to the schedule of prices fixed by the commissioners as aforesaid. But if the officer impressing or taking for the public use said property and the owner shall differ as to the quality of the article or property impressed or taken as aforesaid, thereby making it fall within a higher or lower price named in the schedule, then the owner or agent and the officer impressing or taking as aforesaid may select each a loyal and disinterested citizen, of the qualifications as aforesaid, to determine the quality of said article or property, who shall, in case of disagreement, appoint an umpire of like qualifications, and his decision, if approved by the officer impressing, shall be final. But if not approved, the impressing officer shall send the award to the commissioners of the State where the property is impressed, with his reasons for disapproving the same, and said commissioners may hear such proofs as the parties may, respectively, adduce, and their decision shall be final: *Provided*, That the owner may receive the price offered by the impressing officer, without prejudice to his claim to receive the higher compensation.

"SEC. 7. That the property necessary for the support of the owner and his family, and to carry on his ordinary agricultural and mechanical business, to be ascertained by the appraisers to be appointed as provided in the first section of this act under oath, shall not be taken or impressed for the public use; and when the impressing officer and the owner can not agree as to the quantity of property necessary as aforesaid, then the decision of the said appraisers shall be binding on the officer and all other persons.

"SEC. 8. Where property has been impressed for temporary use, and is lost or destroyed, without the default of the owner, the Government of the Confederate States shall pay a just compensation therefor, to be ascertained by appraisers appointed and qualified as provided in the third section of this act. If such property when returned has, in the opinion of the owner, been injured whilst in the public use, the amount of damage thereby sustained shall be determined in the manner described in the third section of this act, the officer returning the property being authorized to act on behalf of the Government; and upon such inquiry the certificate of the value of the property when originally impressed shall be received as prima facie evidence of the value thereof.

"SEC. 9. Where slaves are impressed by the Confederate Government to labor on fortifications or other public works, the impressment shall be made by said Government according to the rules and regulations prescribed in the laws of the State wherein they are impressed; and, in the absence of such law, in accordance with such rules and regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, as the Secretary of War shall, from time to time, prescribe: *Provided*, That no impressment of slaves shall be made when they can be hired or procured by the consent of the owner or agent.

"SEC. 10. That previous to the first day of December next, no slave laboring on a farm or plantation, exclusively devoted to the production of grain and provisions, shall be taken for the public use without the consent of the owner, except in case of urgent necessity.

"SEC. 11. That any commissioned or noncommissioned officer or private who shall violate the provisions of this act shall be tried before the military court of the corps to which he is attached, on complaint made by the owner or other person, and, on conviction, if an officer, he shall be cashiered and put into the ranks as a private, and if a noncommissioned officer or private he shall suffer such punishment, not inconsistent with military law, as the court may direct."

And that the title of the bill be amended so as to read: "An act to regulate impressments."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That it be postponed to and made the special order for to-morrow, and that it be printed.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 20th instant, approved and signed an act (S. 8) to provide and organize engineer troops to serve during the war.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (S. 11) to provide for the funding and further issue of Treasury notes.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 5) to establish the court for the investigation of claims against the Government of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Davis, to amend the bill by inserting after the word "States," section 12, line 5, the words "and the court may, at

its discretion, grant appeals to the Supreme Court from interlocutory orders in any case,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by filling the blank in the second line of the twelfth section with "ten thousand,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Davis, to amend the bill by filling the said blank with "five thousand,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by filling the blank in the seventh line of the twelfth section with "sixty,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Davis, to amend the bill by inserting after the word "rendered," section 12, line 7, the words

but if the judgment be rendered within the last twenty days of the term, the application may be made within the first twenty days of the next term,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by striking out the twelfth section and inserting:

That said court shall, at the commencement of each session of Congress, and at the commencement of each month during the session of Congress, report to Congress the cases upon which they shall have finally acted, stating in each the material facts which they find established by the evidence, with their judgment in the case. Any judge who may dissent from the opinion of the majority shall append his reasons therefor; such report, together with the briefs of the solicitor and the claimant, upon being made to either House of Congress, shall be printed in the same manner as other public documents. And said court shall prepare a bill, or bills in those cases which may receive the favorable decision thereof, in such forms, if enacted, will carry the same into effect. And two or more cases may be embraced in the same bill where the separate amount proposed to be allowed in each case shall be less than one thousand dollars. And the said court shall transmit with said reports the testimony in each case, whether the same shall receive the favorable or adverse action of said court,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas -----	10
	{ Nays -----	12

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Clay, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Orr, Peyton, Semmes, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Clark, Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Maxwell, Oldham, Phelan, and Sparrow.

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Henry on the 19th instant, instructing said committee to inquire into the truth of the allegation that the brokers and others in the city of Richmond are publicly offering the currency of the United States, known as

"greenbacks," for sale or exchange for Confederate money, at a ruinous discount on the latter, etc., and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, March 21, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Attorney-General, I hereby nominate John L. Sehon, to be attorney for the middle district of Tennessee.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Richmond, March 17, 1863.

To the PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following nomination for appointment in this Department:

John L. Sehon, to be attorney for the middle district of Tennessee.

Your obedient servant,

T. H. WATTS, *Attorney-General*.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of John L. Sehon, to be attorney for the middle district of Tennessee; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed without amendment a bill of the Senate (S. 36) to increase the strength and efficiency of heavy artillery for seacoast defense.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 20th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 13) to amend an act for the establishment and organization of a general staff for the Army of the Confederate States.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 73) to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, reported

A bill (S. 92) to prescribe the rates of postage on newspapers, periodicals, books, and transient and other matter; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar.

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads be discharged from the further consideration of the following subjects:

A communication from William W. Farmer, of Louisiana, suggesting certain reforms in the postal service; and

A resolution inquiring into the expediency of providing for the transmission of foreign mail matter by the way of Matamoras and Havana, in such manner as may be deemed most practicable.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 93) to provide tobacco for the Army; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 9) to authorize and regulate the impressment of private property for the use of the Army and other military purposes; and

After debate,

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the said report?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 17
Nays 4

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Caperton, Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, Peyton, and Phelan.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Clay, Semmes, Simms, and Sparrow.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate concur in said report, and that the bill be amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on yesterday, approved and signed an act (S. 11) to provide for the funding and further issue of Treasury notes.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 5) to establish the court for the investigation of claims against the Government of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Davis, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the fifteenth section the following proviso:

Provided, That no judgment for a greater amount than ten thousand dollars shall be paid until Congress shall make a special appropriation therefor,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 11
Nays 9

On motion by Mr. Hill,
The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,
Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Clay, Davis, Dortch, Hunter, Mitchel,
Orr, Peyton, Phelan, and Semmes.

Those who voted in the negative are,
Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Maxwell, Oldham,
Simms, and Sparrow.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by striking out all after the word "be," in the third line of the fifteenth section, and inserting the words

with the decision of the court, transmitted to Congress at the commencement of each session of Congress, and at the commencement of each month during the session of Congress, and if not finally acted upon during the session to which said reports are made, shall be continued from session to session, and from Congress to Congress, until the same shall be finally acted upon; and the consideration of said claims so reported shall, at the subsequent session of Congress, be resumed and proceeded with as if no adjournment had taken place: *Provided*, That two or more cases may be embraced in the same bill where the separate amount proposed to be allowed in each case shall be less than one thousand dollars,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ----- 9
Nays ----- 11

On motion by Mr. Orr,
The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,
Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Clay, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia,
Mitchel, Orr, Peyton, and Semmes.

Those who voted in the negative are,
Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Clark, Davis, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Maxwell, Oldham, Phelan, and Sparrow.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the bill by striking out the fifteenth section and inserting:

That said Court of Claims shall report to Congress, at each session, a catalogue of all cases finally decided in favor of the claimants, together with the amount and date of the judgment in each case, decided during the preceding recess, or which may be so decided during the continuance of said session, and all appropriations, if any, made for payment of the said judgments, shall specify the exact amount appropriated in each case,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ----- 10
Nays ----- 10

On motion by Mr. Phelan,
The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,
Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Mitchel,
Orr, Peyton, Phelan, Semmes, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,
Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Clark, Clay, Davis, Haynes, Henry, Hill,
Maxwell, and Sparrow.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, the last-mentioned vote was reconsidered.
The Senate proceeded to consider the said amendment proposed by Mr. Phelan; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the same by striking out the words "the amount and date of,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, further to amend the proposed amendment by inserting after "judgment," in the fifth line, the words "and the opinion of the court,"

Mr. Maxwell demanded the question; which was seconded, and
The question being put,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas----- 11
 { Nays ----- 9

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Clay, Haynes, Hunter, Johnson of
Georgia, Mitchel, Orr, Peyton, Semmes, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Clark, Davis, Henry, Hill, Maxwell, Phelan,
and Sparrow.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Phelan,
as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting the following independent section:

SEC. —. That all claims against the Confederate States, originating during the present war, shall be barred unless suit for the same be instituted in the Court of Claims within two years after the date of the ratification of a treaty of peace between the Confederate States and the Government of the United States. All other claims shall be barred unless suit for the same be instituted in the Court of Claims within four years after the establishment of the said court, or within four years after the same shall have originated,

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Semmes by inserting at the end thereof the words

except the claimant be an infant or lunatic: *Provided*, That such suit shall be instituted within two years after the removal of the disability of infancy or lunacy,

It was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Semmes,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by inserting the following independent section:

SEC. —. That no Senator or Representative in Congress shall be allowed to practice in said court as an attorney or agent,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by inserting after the word "claims," section 2, line 1, the words "founded in law and equity,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments made as in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, March 24, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury, I hereby nominate Henry Savage, to be collector of customs at Wilmington, N. C.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, March 24, 1863.

His Excellency the PRESIDENT.

SIR: Mr. Edward Savage, the collector of customs at Wilmington, N. C., having resigned, I respectfully recommend that Mr. Henry Savage, of Wilmington, be appointed in his place.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. G. MEMMINGER,

Secretary of the Treasury.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of Henry Savage, to be collector of customs at Wilmington, N. C.; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

RICHMOND, March 23, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I nominate the persons named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, NAVY DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, March 20, 1863.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Navy:

Assistant paymasters.

Sterling L. Barksdale, of Mississippi; Sidney S. Nicholas, of Virginia.

With much respect, your obedient servant

S. R. MALLORY,

Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nominations of Sterling L. Barksdale and Sidney S. Nicholas, to be assistant paymasters in the Navy; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

RICHMOND, March 24, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

On the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, March 23, 1863.

His Excellency the PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to nominate the persons whose names appear in the accompanying list as surgeons and assistant surgeons in the Provisional Army.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,

Secretary of War.

James E. Godfrey, Georgia, surgeon.

William M. Gentry, Tennessee, surgeon.

J. E. Dulaney, Tennessee, surgeon.
George C. Gray, Tennessee, surgeon.
Frank A. Ramsey, Tennessee, surgeon.
John Patterson, Tennessee, surgeon.
J. J. Chisolm, South Carolina, surgeon.
H. G. Davidson, Tennessee, surgeon.
Robert H. Dalton, Mississippi, surgeon.
J. Taylor Gilmore, Mississippi, surgeon.
J. W. C. Smith, Mississippi, surgeon.
James M. Holloway, Mississippi, surgeon.
Thomas C. Buffington, Louisiana, surgeon.
George B. Douglas, Georgia, surgeon.
E. L. Anthony, Georgia, surgeon.
John H. Stevens, Louisiana, surgeon.
L. V. Huot, South Carolina, surgeon.
P. B. McKelvey, Louisiana, surgeon.
Stokes A. Smith, Virginia, surgeon.
Carey B. Gamble, Florida, surgeon.
Robert J. Hicks, North Carolina, surgeon.
R. H. Peel, Mississippi, surgeon.
Montrose A. Pallen, Missouri, surgeon.
Charles Bell Gibson, Virginia, surgeon.
J. B. McCaw, Virginia, surgeon.
William D. Lyles, Alabama, surgeon.
St. George Peachy, Virginia, surgeon.
J. F. Moore, Mississippi, surgeon.
A. W. Thompson, South Carolina, surgeon.
J. S. D. Cullen, Virginia, surgeon.
Lewis T. Pim, Georgia, surgeon.
O. A. Crenshaw, Virginia, surgeon.
James Dunn, Virginia, surgeon.
Thomas A. Healey, South Carolina, surgeon.
M. P. Scott, Virginia, surgeon.
W. M. Brown, North Carolina, surgeon.
A. S. Baldwin, Florida, surgeon.
E. T. Taliaferro, Tennessee, surgeon.
W. J. Arrington, Georgia, surgeon.
A. S. Baldrige, Tennessee, surgeon.
J. F. Reid, Arkansas, surgeon.
Charles F. Brown, Arkansas, surgeon.
Robert Gibbon, Tennessee, surgeon.
Henry K. Green, Georgia, surgeon.
S. E. Habersham, Georgia, surgeon.
Thomas D. Isom, Mississippi, surgeon.
S. S. Satchwell, North Carolina, surgeon.
F. J. Robertson, Tennessee, surgeon.
Willis F. Westmoreland, Georgia, surgeon.
J. McF. Gaston, Virginia, surgeon.
T. L. Ogier, sr., South Carolina, surgeon.
A. J. Semmes, Louisiana, surgeon.
W. S. Lawton, Georgia, surgeon.
C. J. Clark, Alabama, surgeon.
M. S. Thomas, Virginia, surgeon.
R. H. Taylor, Tennessee, surgeon.
Richard H. Edwards, Virginia, surgeon.
Alfred Wallace, South Carolina, surgeon.
Emmett Woodward, Tennessee, surgeon.
W. C. Cavenagh, Tennessee, surgeon.
C. R. Kemper, Virginia, surgeon.
R. W. Mitchell, Tennessee, surgeon.
J. W. Powell, South Carolina, surgeon.
J. A. Pleasants, Georgia, surgeon.
W. O. Owen, Virginia, surgeon.
Harvey L. Byrd, Georgia, surgeon.
W. C. N. Randolph, Virginia, surgeon.
Thomas Lining, South Carolina, surgeon.
J. H. Claiborne, Virginia, surgeon.

B. W. Ussery, Tennessee, surgeon.
R. J. Bigelow, Florida, surgeon.
Thomas J. Buffington, Louisiana, surgeon.
Edward Swanson, Tennessee, surgeon.
J. M. Brannock, Tennessee, surgeon.
Edw. H. C. Bailey, Missouri, surgeon.
E. McD. Coffey, Missouri, surgeon.
John M. Allen, Missouri, surgeon.
Preston B. Scott, Kentucky, surgeon.
Charles C. Schley, Georgia, surgeon.
W. S. Love, Louisiana, surgeon.
Thomas J. Boykin, Virginia, surgeon.
J. C. M. Merillat, Virginia, surgeon.
G. W. Currey, Tennessee, surgeon.
Jos. C. Habersham, Georgia, surgeon.
John J. Demont, Alabama, surgeon.
J. W. Thompson, Kentucky, surgeon.
W. E. Pegram, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
Andrew F. Wright, North Carolina, surgeon.
Peter Custis, North Carolina, surgeon.
L. P. Yandell, jr., Tennessee, surgeon.
J. F. McRee, Maryland, surgeon.
A. B. Cabaniss, Mississippi, surgeon.
H. M. Weedon, Florida, surgeon.
James M. Alexander, Tennessee, surgeon.
A. Dunlop, Arkansas, surgeon.
John T. Darby, South Carolina, surgeon.
James A. Bowers, Tennessee, surgeon.
P. F. Browne, Virginia, surgeon.
R. Kidder Taylor, Mississippi, surgeon.
E. G. Higginbotham, Virginia, surgeon.
Marion Howard, Virginia, surgeon.
James W. Claiborne, Virginia, surgeon.
Herbert M. Nash, Virginia, surgeon.
E. J. Roach, Georgia, surgeon.
J. P. Logan, Georgia, surgeon.
Robert Battey, Georgia, surgeon.
Alexander Hart, Louisiana, surgeon.
James S. Morel, Georgia, surgeon.
Peter E. Hines, North Carolina, surgeon.
Howard T. Barton, Virginia, surgeon.
Richard P. Johnson, Maryland, surgeon.
W. M. Wilson, Virginia, surgeon.
J. B. Gaston, Alabama, surgeon.
Joseph F. Watkins, Virginia, surgeon.
J. B. Strachan, Virginia, surgeon.
W. H. Cumming, Georgia, surgeon.
J. M. Johnston, Virginia, surgeon.
J. B. Tuft, Virginia, surgeon.
W. S. Meiere, Georgia, surgeon.
Livingston Waddell, Virginia, surgeon.
Robert E. Moore, Alabama, surgeon.
John Minor, Virginia, surgeon.
U. R. Jones, Virginia, surgeon.
William A. Thom, Virginia, surgeon.
R. P. Walton, Virginia, surgeon.
W. M. Campbell, North Carolina, surgeon.
George W. Briggs, Virginia, surgeon.
G. S. West, North Carolina, surgeon.
J. S. Wellford, Virginia, surgeon.
C. B. Hilliard, Alabama, assistant surgeon.
Edward J. Rembert, South Carolina, assistant surgeon.
W. S. Mitchell, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
J. W. Sears, Alabama, assistant surgeon.
Alexander T. Bell, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
James Evans, South Carolina, assistant surgeon.
J. M. Adams, Alabama, assistant surgeon.

Bartlett A. Curtis, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
H. L. Hines, Mississippi, assistant surgeon.
F. M. Henderson, North Carolina, assistant surgeon.
R. D. Bagnall, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
J. C. Jones, Texas, assistant surgeon.
J. C. Mobley, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
P. B. Baker, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
E. Jaquelin Harrison, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
James S. Gilliam, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
Charles H. Taber, South Carolina, assistant surgeon.
J. F. Jackson, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
J. A. Groves, Mississippi, assistant surgeon.
Edmunds Mason, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
Emile T. Sabal, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
Thomas H. Fisher, Virginia, surgeon.
James F. Grant, Tennessee, surgeon.
James D. Galt, Virginia, surgeon.
W. H. Geddings, South Carolina, surgeon.
Peter Lyons, Virginia, surgeon.
P. W. Young, North Carolina, surgeon.
Thomas B. Memminger, South Carolina, surgeon.
Robert T. Royston, Alabama, surgeon.
Randolph Barksdale, Virginia, surgeon.
Henry R. Noel, Virginia, surgeon.
Benjamin Blackford, Virginia, surgeon.
A. W. Bailey, Georgia, surgeon.
Thomas A. Means, Georgia, surgeon.
E. N. Wood, Virginia, surgeon.
W. C. Cross, Alabama, surgeon.
H. H. McGuire, Virginia, surgeon.
J. W. Ramsay, Arkansas, surgeon.
William M. Post, South Carolina, surgeon.
George F. Cooper, Georgia, surgeon.
M. M. Lewis, Virginia, surgeon.
E. Lloyd Howard, Virginia, surgeon.
C. W. Chancellor, Virginia, surgeon.
J. A. Straith, Virginia, surgeon.
G. W. Thornhill, Virginia, surgeon.
W. S. Grymes, Virginia, surgeon.
George W. Semple, Virginia, surgeon.
W. J. Moore, Virginia, surgeon.
G. S. Hébert, Louisiana, surgeon.
Joseph A. James, South Carolina, surgeon.
Thomas M. Palmer, Florida, surgeon.
H. V. Miller, Georgia, surgeon.
M. H. Houston, Virginia, surgeon.
Octavius A. White, South Carolina, surgeon.
W. T. Walker, Virginia, surgeon.
James F. Hustis, South Carolina, surgeon.
George Whitfield, Alabama, surgeon.
W. H. Moore, North Carolina, surgeon.
J. R. Hill, Mississippi, surgeon.
David H. Tucker, Georgia, surgeon.
Spiers Singleton, North Carolina, surgeon.
Samuel Logan, South Carolina, surgeon.
T. R. Wingo, Tennessee, assistant surgeon.
Alfred R. Gourrier, Louisiana, assistant surgeon.
W. W. Hamner, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
R. K. Carter, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
E. B. Perrin, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
Franklin J. Moses, South Carolina, assistant surgeon.
O. P. Langworthy, Louisiana, assistant surgeon.
J. T. McFarland, Georgia, assistant surgeon.
James A. Miller, North Carolina, assistant surgeon.
J. C. Walker, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
Edward G. Porcher, South Carolina, assistant surgeon.
H. F. Butt, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
G. R. Millen, Georgia, assistant surgeon.

John M. Richmond, North Carolina, assistant surgeon.
C. L. Garnett, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
James McIntosh, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
J. M. Dennis, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
J. H. Blaxom, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
W. J. Davidson, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
Newton Wayt, Georgia, assistant surgeon.
B. St. George Tucker, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
S. V. D. Hill, Alabama, assistant surgeon.
W. D. Somers, North Carolina, assistant surgeon.
W. X. Moseley, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
Colby Cowherd, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
G. A. McDowell, Louisiana, assistant surgeon.
James J. Cook, Louisiana, assistant surgeon.
J. H. Nuttall, Tennessee, assistant surgeon.
H. N. Young, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
Peter Winston, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
H. F. Witherspoon, Louisiana, assistant surgeon.
C. M. Hunter, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
William Morrow, Tennessee, assistant surgeon.
W. T. Delany, Tennessee, assistant surgeon.
F. T. Fry, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
Sterling C. Eve, Georgia, assistant surgeon.
C. Shirley Carter, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
Daniel Parker, Alabama, assistant surgeon.
John C. Baylor, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
William W. Gaither, North Carolina, assistant surgeon.
C. K. Mauzy, South Carolina, assistant surgeon.
P. B. Stovall, Mississippi, assistant surgeon.
S. H. Lamar, Georgia, assistant surgeon.
W. L. Lipscomb, Mississippi, assistant surgeon.
Egbert B. Johnston, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
G. L. Jones, Georgia, assistant surgeon.
John Clopton, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
Thomas Opie, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
L. B. Herndon, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
M. J. De Rosset, North Carolina, assistant surgeon.
G. W. Carrington, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
J. S. Buist, South Carolina, assistant surgeon.
W. H. Sanders, Alabama, assistant surgeon.
Richard Boyd, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
G. A. D. Galt, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
H. C. Chalmers, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
Tomlin Braxton, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
Walton Saunders, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
C. R. Hayward, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
J. T. Love, Tennessee, assistant surgeon.
Joseph Yates, South Carolina, assistant surgeon.
R. E. Moore, Virginia, assistant surgeon.
Arthur Brogden, Maryland, assistant surgeon.
B. M. Lebby, South Carolina, assistant surgeon.
Samuel Miller, South Carolina, assistant surgeon.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Barnwell (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 94) to establish the form of fifty-cent Treasury notes; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was recommitted the bill (S. 67) to declare the mode of paying salaries to officers in foreign parts, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 67) last mentioned; which was again read the second time and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 90) to continue in force an act entitled "An act to authorize a loan and the issue of Treasury notes; and to prescribe the punishment for forging the same, and for forging certificates of stock and bonds," approved May 16, 1861, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 90) last mentioned; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be "An act relative to certain bonds and Treasury notes issued under the provisions of the act approved sixteenth May, eighteen hundred and sixty-one."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President be requested to cause estimates to be made by the several heads of Departments of the amount necessary to be appropriated for the service of the Government until the first day of January next, and communicate the same to the Senate.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, submitted a scheme for taxation; which was ordered to be printed.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 43) for the relief of the Brunswick and Albany Railroad Company; and the reported amendment having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Johnson of Georgia, by inserting after the word "therefore," in the sixth line, the words "to preserve the said railroad from being broken up or destroyed," was agreed to, and the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 4) to regulate the action of the Secretary of the Navy upon the decisions of naval general courts-martial; and

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 41) to amend the several acts prescribing the mode of publishing the laws and resolutions of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by striking out "two," section 1, line 6, and inserting "four,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Phelan submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That the vote on passing the bill (S. 93) to provide tobacco for the Army be reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

Ordered, That the Secretary request the return from the House of Representatives of the bill (S. 93) last mentioned.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dixon, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 18) to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 18) communicated this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That it be printed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 2) relative to the plan of retaliation proposed in the President's message.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Phelan, that the resolution lie upon the table,

It was determined in the negative.

The reported amendment having been agreed to, the resolution was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the resolution be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 82) to authorize retaliation on the enemy for violations of the usages of civilized warfare during the present war.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the bill by striking out, section 1, line 7, the words "or of those under the protection,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by inserting after "mulattoes," section 2, line 3, "who are slaves,"

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *March 25, 1863.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Lieut. Col. C. C. Henderson, of Tennessee, to be colonel Fifth Confederate Regiment, to rank March 11, 1862.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, March 24, 1863.*

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonel.

Lieut. Col. C. C. Henderson, of Tennessee, to be colonel Fifth Confederate Regiment, vice Col. L. M. Walker, appointed brigadier-general, to rank March 11, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,

Secretary of War.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of C. C. Henderson, to be colonel; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

RICHMOND, *March 25, 1863.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 9, 1863.*

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Maj. E. Willis, of Georgia, to be colonel Twelfth Georgia Regiment, January 22, 1863, vice Lieut. Col. W. A. Hawkins, resigned, and Col. Z. T. Conner, dismissed by court-martial.

Lieut. Col. J. M. Perrin, of South Carolina, to be colonel First South Carolina Rifle Regiment, November 12, 1862, vice Col. J. W. Livingston, resigned.

Lieut. Col. J. D. Mathews, of Georgia, to be colonel Thirty-eighth Georgia Regiment, December 13, 1862, vice Col. George W. Lee, resigned.

Lieut. Col. Jos. Walker, of South Carolina, to be colonel Palmetto Sharpshooters, July 22, 1862, vice Col. F. W. Kilpatrick, declined.

Lieut. Col. J. A. Washington, of North Carolina, to be colonel Fiftieth North Carolina Regiment, December 31, 1862, vice Col. M. D. Craton, resigned.

Lieut. Col. J. K. Edmondson, of Virginia, to be colonel Twenty-seventh Virginia Regiment, November 19, 1862, vice Col. A. J. Grigsby, resigned.

Lieut. Col. R. M. Powell, of Texas, to be colonel Fifth Texas Regiment, November 1, 1862, vice Col. J. B. Robertson, appointed brigadier-general.

Lieut. Col. F. W. M. Holliday, of Virginia, to be colonel Thirty-third Virginia Regiment, February 1, 1862, vice Col. E. G. Lee, resigned.

Lieut. Col. John R. Towers, of Georgia, to be colonel Eighth Georgia Regiment, December 16, 1862, vice Col. L. M. Lamar, appointed judge military court.

Lieut. Col. J. H. S. Funk, of Virginia, to be colonel Fifth Virginia Regiment, August 29, 1862, vice Col. W. S. H. Baylor, killed at Manassas.

Capt. J. T. Lofton, of Georgia, to be colonel Sixth Georgia Regiment, September 30, 1862, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Newton and Major Tracy, killed at the battle of Sharpsburg, and Col. A. H. Colquitt, appointed brigadier-general.

Maj. J. J. Norton, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel First South Carolina Rifle Regiment, November 12, 1862, vice Lieut. Col. J. M. Perrin, promoted.

Maj. S. D. Thruston, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Third North Carolina Regiment, December 10, 1862, vice Lieut. Col. E. Savage, resigned.

Maj. John W. Goss, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Palmetto Sharpshooters, July 22, 1862, vice Lieut. Col. Joseph Walker, promoted.

Maj. George Wortham, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Fiftieth North Carolina Regiment, December 31, 1862, vice Lieut. Col. James A. Washington, promoted.

Maj. John Ashford, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-eighth North Carolina Regiment, January 14, 1863, vice Lieut. Col. R. F. Arnfield, resigned.

Maj. A. Spangler, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-third Virginia Regiment, February 1, 1863, vice Lieut. Col. F. W. M. Holliday, promoted.

Maj. R. W. Turner, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel Nineteenth Louisiana Regiment, July 17, 1862, vice Lieut. Col. W. P. Winans, promoted.

Maj. James H. May, of Arkansas, to be lieutenant-colonel Fourth Arkansas Regiment, November 4, 1862, vice Lieut. Col. H. G. Bunn, promoted.

Maj. K. Bryan, of Texas, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifth Texas Regiment, November 1, 1862, vice Lieut. Col. R. M. Powell, promoted.

Maj. J. M. Fielder, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fourteenth Georgia Regiment, November 8, 1862, vice Lieut. Col. W. A. Harris, resigned.

Maj. D. M. Shriver, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-seventh Virginia Regiment, November 19, 1862, vice Lieut. Col. J. Carpenter, declined.

Maj. H. J. Williams, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifth Virginia Regiment, August 29, 1862, vice Lieut. Col. J. H. S. Funk, promoted.

Capt. W. C. Cleveland, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixth Georgia Regiment, September 30, 1862, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Newton and Major Tracy, killed at Sharpsburg.

Capt. M. McR. McLaughlin, of North Carolina, to be major Thirty-eighth North Carolina Regiment, January 14, 1863, vice Maj. J. Ashford, promoted.

Capt. G. Huston, of Virginia, to be major Thirty-third Virginia Regiment, February 1, 1863, vice Maj. A. Spangler, promoted.

Capt. J. P. Brown, of Tennessee, to be major Fifty-ninth Tennessee Regiment, January 12, 1863, vice Maj. C. M. Alexander, deceased.

Capt. J. B. McColloch, of Arkansas, to be major Fourth Arkansas Regiment, November 4, 1862, vice Maj. J. H. May, promoted.

Capt. J. C. Rogers, of Texas, to be major Fifth Texas Regiment, November 1, 1862, vice Maj. K. Bryan, promoted.

Capt. J. H. Gibson, of Alabama, to be major Sixteenth Alabama Battalion, August 5, 1862, vice Major Alexander, killed at Baton Rouge.

Capt. C. D. Anderson, of Georgia, to be major Sixth Georgia Regiment, September 30, 1862, vice Major Tracy, killed at Sharpsburg.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

RICHMOND, March 25, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, March 23, 1863.*

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS-GENERAL.

Majors.

E. G. Lee, of Virginia, to be major, ordered to report for duty to Brig. Gen. G. J. Rains, to rank February 1, 1863.

R. Channing Price, of Virginia, for duty with Maj. Gen. J. E. B. Stuart, to rank March 1, 1863.

Alfred Hoffman, of Virginia, to be major, for duty with Maj. Gen. I. R. Trimble, to rank February 2, 1863.

W. Duncan McKim, of Virginia, to be major, for duty with Maj. Gen. I. R. Trimble, to rank February 2, 1863.

J. F. Girault, of Louisiana, to be major, for duty with Maj. Gen. M. L. Smith, to rank February 21, 1863.

Captains.

J. P. Johnson, of Arkansas, to be captain, ordered to report for duty to General Johnston, to rank March 21, 1863.

St. Jules Rondot, of France, to be captain, for duty with Gen. R. E. Lee, February 17, 1863.

Charles J. Mastin, of Kentucky, to be captain, for duty with Maj. Gen. J. C. Breckinridge, February 26, 1863.

Emile P. Guillet, of Louisiana, to be captain, for duty with Brig. Gen. D. W. Adams, October 12, 1862.

S. A. Moreno, of Georgia, to be captain, for duty with Brig. Gen. J. K. Jackson, February 2, 1863.

John A. Barksdale, of Mississippi, to be captain, for duty with Brig. Gen. W. Barksdale, February 25, 1863.

W. N. Worthington, of Virginia, to be captain, for duty with Brig. Gen. B. H. Robertson, February 18, 1863.

A. H. Patton, of Virginia, to be captain, for duty with Brig. Gen. W. T. Wofford, February 17, 1863.

John J. Reese, of Tennessee, to be captain, for duty with Brig. Gen. A. E. Jackson, February 9, 1863.

J. R. Fellows, of Arkansas, to be captain, for duty with Brig. Gen. W. N. R. Beall, February 18, 1863.

William M. Magenit, of Tennessee, to be captain, for duty with Brig. Gen. John H. Morgan, December 1, 1862.

H. W. Feilden, of Louisiana, to be captain, for duty with Gen. G. T. Beauregard, February 23, 1863.

C. B. Duffield, of Virginia, to be captain, ordered to report to Brigadier-General Rains, Chief of Conscript Bureau, February 20, 1863.

A. N. Mills, of Texas, to be captain, for duty with Brig. Gen. W. R. Scurry, November 10, 1862.

Adjutants, with the rank of first lieutenant.

Charles H. Stebbins, of Florida, to be adjutant Third Florida Regiment, to rank February 11, 1863.

T. E. Richardson, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Forty-seventh Tennessee Regiment, to rank December 16, 1861.

S. A. Cowley, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Forty-second Tennessee Regiment, to rank October 9, 1862.

Luther C. May, of Georgia, to be adjutant Thomas' Legion, to rank September 29, 1862.

H. M. Smith, of Virginia, to be adjutant Sixty-second Virginia Regiment, to rank February 26, 1863.

Henry R. Symons, of Georgia, to be adjutant Twenty-second Georgia Battalion, to rank February 22, 1863.

Gus. Heerlein, of Georgia, to be adjutant Thirty-sixth Georgia Regiment, to rank February 11, 1863.

Frank Baltzell, of Florida, to be adjutant Second Florida Battalion, to rank February 17, 1863.

R. C. Hammet, of Virginia, to be adjutant Fifty-fourth Virginia Regiment, to rank February 24, 1863.

G. E. Manigault, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Fourth South Carolina Regiment Cavalry, to rank February 25, 1863.

R. A. Quillian, of Georgia, to be adjutant Fifty-second Georgia Regiment, to rank December 17, 1862.

William D. Barnes, of Florida, to be adjutant Second Florida Regiment Cavalry, to rank February 22, 1863.

B. C. Bouldin, of Virginia, to be adjutant Fourteenth Virginia Regiment, to rank February 24, 1863.

W. W. Hailes, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Thirty-seventh Mississippi Regiment Cavalry, to rank February 14, 1863.

E. J. Mastin, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Eighth Arkansas Regiment, to rank February 23, 1863.

William D. Chipley, of Kentucky, to be adjutant Ninth Kentucky Regiment, to rank March 1, 1863.

E. B. Ward, of Virginia, to be adjutant Sixteenth Virginia Regiment, to rank February 24, 1863.

J. E. Shaw, of Georgia, to be adjutant Seventh Georgia Regiment, to rank February 24, 1863.

W. Marriner, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Twelfth Tennessee Battalion, to rank November 17, 1862.

Aids-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenant.

McH. Howard, of Virginia, to Maj. Gen. I. R. Trimble, February 1, 1863.

Frederick R. Blake, of North Carolina, to Brig. Gen. T. L. Clingman, February 25, 1863.

Richard T. Morrison, of Missouri, to Maj. Gen. S. Price, September 7, 1862.

Benjamin F. Taylor, of North Carolina, to Brig. Gen. R. Ransom, jr., March 5, 1863.

ARTILLERY OFFICERS, UNDER ACT APPROVED JANUARY 22, 1862.

Colonel.

Lieut. Col. R. L. Walker, of Virginia, to be colonel of artillery, to be assigned to duty by Gen. R. E. Lee, to rank March 14, 1863.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. R. Snowden Andrews, of Maryland, to be lieutenant-colonel of artillery, to be assigned to duty by Gen. R. E. Lee, August 9, 1862.

Maj. J. J. Garnett, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel of artillery, to be assigned to duty by Gen. R. E. Lee, March 2, 1863.

Maj. D. Kemper, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel of artillery, to be assigned to duty by Gen. R. E. Lee, March 2, 1863.

Maj. William Nelson, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel of artillery, to be assigned to duty by Gen. R. E. Lee, March 2, 1863.

Maj. Thomas H. Carter, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel of artillery, to be assigned to duty by Gen. R. E. Lee, March 2, 1863.

Maj. H. P. Jones, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel of artillery, to be assigned to duty by Gen. R. E. Lee, March 2, 1863.

Maj. John Pelham, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel of artillery, to be assigned to duty by Gen. R. E. Lee, March 2, 1863.

Majors.

W. E. Burnet, of Georgia, to be major of artillery, to be assigned to duty by Maj. Gen. D. H. Maury, November 4, 1862.

Capt. J. W. Anderson, of Tennessee, to be major of artillery, to be assigned to duty by Maj. Gen. C. L. Stevenson, January 28, 1863.

Capt. John P. W. Read, of Georgia, to be major of artillery, to be assigned to duty by Gen. R. E. Lee, March 2, 1863.

Capt. Frank Huger, of South Carolina, to be major of artillery, to be assigned to duty by Gen. R. E. Lee, March 2, 1863.

Capt. John Lane, of Georgia, to be major of artillery, to be assigned to duty by Gen. R. E. Lee, March 2, 1863.

Capt. C. M. Braxton, of Virginia, to be major of artillery, to be assigned to duty by Gen. R. E. Lee, March 2, 1863.

Capt. W. J. Pegram, of Virginia, to be major of artillery, to be assigned to duty by Gen. R. E. Lee, March 2, 1863.

Capt. J. W. Latimer, of Virginia, to be major of artillery, to be assigned to duty by Gen. R. E. Lee, March 2, 1863.

Capt. J. B. Brockenbrough, of Virginia, to be major of artillery, to be assigned to duty by Gen. R. E. Lee, March 2, 1863.

Capt. D. G. McIntosh, of Georgia, to be major of artillery, to be assigned to duty by Gen. R. E. Lee, March 2, 1863.

Capt. William T. Poague, of Virginia, to be major of artillery, to be assigned to duty by Gen. R. E. Lee, March 2, 1863.

OFFICERS APPOINTED TO RAISE TROOPS, UNDER ACT APPROVED OCTOBER 11, 1862.

Captains.

T. D. Armesy, of Virginia, to be captain, to raise a company in district of northwest Virginia, occupied by the enemy, February 11, 1863.

Frank Waters, of Kentucky, to be captain, to raise a company in Kentucky, February 2, 1863.

Jonathan G. Riley, of Virginia, to be captain, to raise a company in district of northwest Virginia, occupied by the enemy, February 16, 1863.

Robert C. Wood, of Missouri, to be captain, to raise a company in Missouri, February 27, 1863.

J. H. Haymaker, of Missouri, to be captain, to raise a company in Missouri, February 27, 1863.

William R. Samuels, of Missouri, to be captain, to raise a company in Missouri, February 27, 1863.

N. L. Norton, of Missouri, to be captain, to raise a company in Missouri, February 27, 1863.

William P. Clarkson, of Missouri, to be captain, to raise a company in Missouri, February 27, 1863.

R. H. Carter, of Missouri, to be captain, to raise a company in Missouri, February 27, 1863.

David T. Copher, of Missouri, to be captain, to raise a company in Missouri, February 27, 1863.

William T. Payne, of Missouri, to be captain, to raise a company in Missouri, February 27, 1863.

Nath. P. Kunkel, of Missouri, to be captain, to raise a company in Missouri, February 27, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Caperton (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 95) conferring temporary rank and command on officers of the Confederate States Army in the bureaus of the Quartermaster-General, Commissary-General, and Surgeon-General; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 80) to increase the efficiency of the Medical Department, reported it with amendments.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the bill and amendments be printed.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 91) to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to pay officers of the Navy their necessary and actual traveling expenses

under orders, in lieu of mileage, in certain cases, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 91) last mentioned; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to increase the allowance for mileage to officers of the Navy and agents traveling under orders."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of acting masters' mates in the Confederate States Navy, praying for an increase of pay, reported

A bill (S. 96) to increase the pay of masters' mates in the Navy; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, reported

A bill (S. 97) to exempt contractors for carrying the mails of the Confederate States and the drivers of post coaches and hacks from military service; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed on the Calendar.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 9) to authorize and regulate the impressment of private property for the use of the Army and other military purposes;

And they have receded from their amendment to the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 8) relating to the production of provisions.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 36. An act to increase the strength and efficiency of heavy artillery for seacoast defense; and

H. R. 9. An act to regulate impressments.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dixon, their Clerk:

Mr. President: I am directed by the House of Representatives to return to the Senate, agreeably to their request, the bill (S. 93) to provide tobacco for the Army.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

Mr. Phelan (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 98) in relation to the public printing;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 82) to authorize retaliation on the enemy for violations of the usages of civilized warfare.

On the question to agree to the following amendment proposed to the bill by Mr. Sparrow, viz, insert after "mulattoes," section 2, line 3, the words "who are slaves,"

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas -----	8
	{ Nays -----	14

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Haynes, Hill, Hunter, Mitchel, Orr, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Clay, Davis, Dortch, Henry, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Oldham, Semmes, Simms, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the bill by inserting after "shall," section 2, line 7, the words "be deemed as exciting servile insurrection, and,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, to amend the bill by striking out the words "be put to death by hanging," section 2, line 7, and inserting "be punished at the discretion of the court trying the case, as provided for in the fourth section of this act,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, to amend the bill by striking out "every," section 2, line 1, and inserting "no," and by striking out of the seventh line the words "if captured, be put to death by hanging," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "be captured and treated as a prisoner of war,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by striking out the second section,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by striking out of the third section the words

or abduct a slave, or harbor a slave, with intent to deprive the owner of his property therein, or entice a slave to abscond from the service, possession, or control of his or her owner or master,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, to amend the bill by inserting after "war," section 3, line 2, the words "shall excite, or attempt to excite, servile insurrection, or,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting after "excite," section 3, line 2, "or cause to be excited," and by inserting after "incite," in the same line, "or cause to be incited,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting after "every," section 3, line 1, the words "person acting as a,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Clark, to amend the bill by striking out "commissioned officer," section 4, line 1, and inserting "person,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by striking out, in the eighth, ninth, and tenth lines of the fourth section, the words "and may pardon the offender unconditionally, or on such conditions as to him may seem just,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Davis, to amend the bill by inserting the following independent section:

Sec. 5. The President is hereby authorized to suspend the execution of all, or any part or parts of this act, whenever in his judgment such suspension may be required by the public interest,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the bill by inserting the following independent section:

Sec. 5. That no officer in command of negroes or mulattoes in arms against the Confederate States shall be entitled to the right of surrender and to be treated as a prisoner of war, and any officer or soldier of the Confederate States is hereby authorized to take the life of such officer at any time and under any circumstances,

It was determined in the negative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

On the question,

Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?

Mr. Semmes demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being put,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Brown, that the vote on ordering the bill to its engrossment and third reading be reconsidered,

Mr. Maxwell demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being put,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 11
Nays 11

On motion by Mr. Brown,
 The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative are,
 Messrs. Baker, Brown, Clay, Davis, Haynes, Hill, Hunter, Johnson
 of Georgia, Mitchel, Orr, and Sparrow.
 Those who voted in the negative are,
 Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Dortch, Henry, Max-
 well, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, and Wigfall.
 So it was
Ordered, That this bill be engrossed and read a third time.
 The said bill was read the third time.
 On the question,
 Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ----- 17
 { Nays ----- 5

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,
 The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative are,
 Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Caperton, Clark, Davis, Dortch,
 Haynes, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Mitchel,
 Phelan, Semmes, Simms, and Wigfall.
 Those who voted in the negative are,
 Messrs. Burnett, Clay, Hill, Orr, and Sparrow.
 So it was
Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.
Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House
 of Representatives therein.
 On motion by Mr. Sparrow,
 The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Con-
 federate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, March 25, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers
 on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, March 20, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotions in
 the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

Lieut. Col. A. C. Riley, of Missouri, to be colonel First Missouri Regiment, vice
 Col. L. L. Rich, died August 9, 1862.

Lieut. Col. Abner Perrin, of South Carolina, to be colonel Fourteenth South Caro-
 lina Regiment, vice Col. S. McGowan, appointed brigadier-general February 20, 1863.

Lieut. Col. Thomas S. Garnett, of Virginia, to be colonel Forty-eighth Virginia
 Regiment, vice Col. J. A. Campbell, resigned October 16, 1862.

Lieut. Col. W. P. Bynum, of North Carolina, to be colonel Second North Carolina
 Regiment, vice Col. C. C. Tew, killed at Sharpsburg September 17, 1862.

Lieut. Col. W. McComb, of Tennessee, to be colonel Fourteenth Tennessee Regi-
 ment, vice Col. W. A. Forbes, died of wounds September 2, 1862.

Lieut. Col. N. H. Harris, of Mississippi, to be colonel Nineteenth Mississippi Regi-
 ment, vice Col. C. H. Mott, killed May 5, 1862.

Lieut. Col. T. W. Mangham, of Georgia, to be colonel Thirtieth Georgia Regiment,
 vice Col. D. J. Bailey, resigned December 16, 1862.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. H. A. Garland, of ———, to be lieutenant-colonel First Missouri Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. A. C. Riley, promoted August 9, 1862.

Maj. J. N. Brown, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Fourteenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. A. Perrin, promoted February 20, 1863.

Maj. J. C. Higginbotham, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-fifth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. P. B. Duffy, resigned October 8, 1862.

Maj. R. H. Dungan, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-eighth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. T. S. Garnett, promoted October 16, 1862.

Maj. W. R. Cox, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Second North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. W. P. Bynum, promoted September 17, 1862.

Maj. John A. Fite, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Seventh Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. K. Howard, died of wounds June 27, 1862.

Maj. R. W. Withers, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-second Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. W. Martin, resigned November 30, 1862.

Maj. W. A. Witcher, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-first Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. R. H. Cunningham, killed December 1, 1862.

Maj. James W. Lockert, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Fourteenth Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. W. McComb, promoted September 6, 1862.

Maj. A. J. Hutchins, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Nineteenth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. T. C. Johnson, killed June 26, 1862.

Maj. N. J. George, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel First Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. C. Shackelford, killed June 27, 1862.

Maj. W. G. Vaughan, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Nineteenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. N. H. Harris, promoted May 5, 1862.

Maj. John M. Legett, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel Tenth Louisiana Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. E. Waggaman, promoted October 1, 1862.

Maj. Jesse J. Alldridge, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-eighth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. A. A. Hughes, resigned October 15, 1862.

Maj. E. S. Barclay, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Phillips Legion, vice Lieut. Col. R. T. Cook, killed December 13, 1862.

Maj. James S. Boynton, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirtieth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. T. W. Mangham, promoted December 16, 1862.

Majors.

Capt. John P. Banc, of Texas, to be major Fourth Texas Regiment, vice Maj. W. P. Townsend, resigned December 29, 1862.

Capt. R. J. Duffy, of Missouri, to be major First Missouri Regiment, vice Maj. H. A. Garland, promoted August 9, 1862.

Capt. E. Croft, of South Carolina, to be major Fourteenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Maj. J. N. Brown, promoted February 20, 1863.

Capt. Oscar White, of Virginia, to be major Forty-eighth Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. R. H. Dungan, promoted October 16, 1862.

Capt. W. S. Stallings, of North Carolina, to be major Second North Carolina Regiment, vice Maj. W. R. Cox, promoted September 17, 1862.

Capt. N. M. Morris, of Tennessee, to be major Fourteenth Tennessee Regiment, vice Maj. J. W. Lockert, promoted September 2, 1862.

Capt. F. G. Buchanan, of Tennessee, to be major First Tennessee Regiment, vice Maj. N. J. George, promoted June 27, 1862.

Capt. James H. Neal, of Georgia, to be major Nineteenth Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. A. J. Hutchins, promoted June 26, 1862.

Capt. T. J. Hardin, of Mississippi, to be major Nineteenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Maj. W. G. Vaughan, promoted May 5, 1862.

Capt. S. B. Thomas, of Mississippi, to be major Twelfth Mississippi Regiment, vice Maj. W. H. Lilly, died March 9, 1862.

Capt. W. M. Hardwick, of Alabama, to be major Forty-eighth Alabama Regiment, vice Maj. J. J. Alldridge, promoted October 15, 1862.

Capt. Joseph Hamilton, of Georgia, to be major Phillips Legion, vice Maj. E. S. Barclay, promoted December 13, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nominations of John De Bree and Nicholas C. Edmunds, to be assistant surgeons for the war in the Navy.

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to these appointments?

It was determined in the affirmative.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of John De Bree and Nicholas C. Edmunds, to be assistant surgeons for the war in the Navy, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 20th instant) the nominations of John P. Lipscomb, William C. Jones, Henry Christmas, and William Sheppardson, to be assistant surgeons for the war in the Navy, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred (on the 2d ultimo) the nomination of Philip A. Clayton, to be marshal of the district of Georgia, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of E. Willis, J. M. Perrin, J. D. Mathews, Jos. Walker, J. A. Washington, J. K. Edmondson, R. M. Powell, F. W. M. Holliday, John R. Towers, J. H. S. Funk, J. T. Lofton, H. B. Granbury, D. B. Penn, W. C. Wickham, R. H. Crockett, W. P. Shingler, C. T. Zachry, H. G. Bunn, Emory F. Best, R. Q. Mills, Alfred Rhett, M. W. Gary, J. H. Morehead, Philip Cook, J. B. Gilmore, T. Harrison, W. Monaghan, C. A. Battle, P. M. B. Young, E. J. Walker, T. J. Simmons, R. W. Folsom, B. H. Holt, Tully Graybill, John F. Conoley, to be colonels; T. M. Terry, William H. Payne, J. D. Mathews, Thomas H. Owen, J. R. Lane, J. H. Huggins, Willis C. Holt, R. B. Young, J. A. Yates, David Zable, D. R. E. Winn, N. H. Harris, S. D. Russell, A. Johnston, L. J. Glenn, Jos. Hanlon, Charles Forsyth, W. G. Delony, R. B. Nisbet, W. L. Grice, Jonathan Rivers, W. H. McCullohs, T. B. Manlove, Bruce Menger, J. J. Norton, S. D. Thruston, John W. Goss, George Wortham, John Ashford, A. Spangler, R. W. Turner, James H. May, K. Bryan, J. M. Fielder, D. M. Shriver, H. J. Williams, W. C. Cleveland, to be lieutenant-colonels; M. McR. McLaughlin, G. Huston, J. P. Brown, J. B. McColloch, J. C. Rogers, J. H. Gibson, C. D. Anderson, John T. Jones, A. Brady, R. S. Taylor, E. M. Morrison, W. R. Carter, Jos. Palmer, John R. Bagby, J. J. Longmire, T. M. Logan, John L. Miller, M. R. Ballenger, P. H. Loud, S. C. Brasher, O. Blanding, J. P. Brewster, J. O. Hensley, W. G. Vaughan,

D. Pierson, James H. Bowman, Thomas Camak, William H. Manning, R. M. Sands, John F. Jones, M. R. Rogers, S. T. Player, J. M. Fielder, W. L. Groves, W. H. Toler, R. A. Wayne, L. C. Lee, Z. A. Rice, A. Hart, to be majors; C. W. Parker, J. R. Macbeth, John Howard, E. P. Bowdre, L. B. Haynes, to be captains; H. W. Frost, John S. Bee, T. G. Dargan, John Middleton, W. Palfrey, W. B. Jones, A. J. Quigley, W. T. Mumford, J. P. Butler, E. D. Woodlief, to be first lieutenants; Charles H. Stebbins, T. E. Richardson, S. A. Cowley, Luther C. May, H. M. Smith, Henry R. Symons, Gus. Heerlein, Frank Baltzell, R. C. Hammet, G. E. Manigault, R. A. Quillian, William D. Barnes, B. C. Bouldin, W. W. Hailes, E. J. Mastin, William D. Chipley, E. B. Ward, J. E. Shaw, W. Marriner, to be adjutants, with the rank of first lieutenant, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Maxwell (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 99) to extend and amend an act to increase the pay of certain officers and employees in the executive and legislative departments, approved October 13, 1862; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was recommitment the bill (S. 73) to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war, reported it with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the bill and amendment be printed.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 97) to exempt contractors for carrying the mails of the Confederate States and the drivers of post coaches and hacks from military service; and no amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance have leave to sit during the session of the Senate.

Mr. Brown presented the memorial of certain officers of the Army, praying the passage of a resolution before the Senate to regulate the issue of clothing to officers in the Army; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 15) for the establishment and equalization of the grade of officers of the Navy of the Confederate States, and for other purposes; and

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill of the Senate (S. 51) to alter and amend an act entitled "An act for the sequestration of the estates, property, and effects of alien enemies, and for indemnity of citizens of the Confederate States and persons aiding the same in the existing war with the United States," approved August 30, 1861, and an act altering and amending the same, approved on the 15th day of February, 1862; without amendment.

They have passed a bill of the Senate (S. 48) to authorize the discharge of certain civil officers from the military service of the Confederate States, with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And they have passed a bill (H. R. 19) to establish a niter and mining bureau; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House that, on the 26th instant, he approved and signed an act (H. R. 9) to regulate impressments.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 7) to place hospitals under military control.

On motion by Mr. Mitchel, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow,

It was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz:

Add the following independent section:

SEC. 6. That it shall be the duty of the officer who has the military control of the hospitals, to exercise and drill daily such convalescent soldiers in the hospitals as the surgeons thereof shall determine are able to undergo such drill, so as to keep up military discipline, and to establish their health before they are discharged from the hospitals as being fit for active service in the field,

It was determined in the negative.

No amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

On the question,

Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 4) to regulate the action of the Secretary of the Navy upon the decisions of naval general courts-martial; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas -----	9
	{ Nays -----	7

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Orr, Peyton, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Clay, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, and Wigfall.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The bill (H. R. 19) to establish a niter and mining bureau was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Orr (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 100) to amend an act to establish the Bureau of Indian Affairs;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was recommitted the bill (S. 58) to establish a volunteer navy, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 58) last mentioned; which was again read the second time and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, March 28, 1863.

To the President of the Senate:

I nominate the person named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, Richmond, March 28, 1863.

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Marine Corps:

Second lieutenant.

Daniel G. Brent, of Florida.

With much respect, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of Daniel G. Brent, to be second lieutenant in the Marine Corps; and it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

RICHMOND, March 28, 1863.

To the President of the Senate:

I nominate the person named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, Richmond, March 28, 1863.

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment:

Navy agent.

William F. Howell, of Louisiana, vice William B. Howell, deceased.

With much respect, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported the nominations for surgeons and assistant surgeons, made by the President on the 24th instant, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That said nominations lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Maxwell submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That the vote on passing the bill (S. 4) to regulate the action of the Secretary of the Navy upon the decisions of naval general courts-martial be reconsidered.

Mr. Orr presented the memorial of the heads of bureaus and clerks in the different Departments of the Government in the city of Richmond, praying an increase of their salaries; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance have leave to sit during the sessions of the Senate for the remainder of the present session of Congress.

Mr. Haynes (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 101) regulating the fees and compensation of district attorneys; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of certain officers of the Army, praying the passage of a resolution before the Senate to regulate the issue of clothing to officers in the Army, and that it lie upon the table.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 95) conferring temporary rank and command on officers of the Confederate States Army in the bureaus of the Quartermaster-General, Commissary-General, and Surgeon-General, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 102) to amend the several acts fixing the pay and allowances to chaplains in the Provisional Army; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, reported

A bill (S. 103) to authorize the increase of the compensation of route agents, and to increase the per diem allowance of special agents of the Post-Office Department;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 48) to authorize the discharge of certain civil officers from the military service of the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Maxwell submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance, in considering the memorial of certain clerks, praying for increase of compensation, referred this morning, do further consider the propriety of increasing the compensation of the ladies acting as clerks in the Treasury Department.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 12) to provide for continuing in service seamen and ordinary seamen now in the service of the Confederate States, without amendment.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 15) for the establishment and equalization of the grade of officers of the Navy of the Confederate States, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow,

It was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment:

Insert after "surgeon in chief," section 1, line 11, the words "with the name of Medical Director-General,"

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "General" the words "to be promoted by seniority,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment:

Insert at the end of section 4 the following:

The Medical Director General shall have the pay and rank allowed by law to the Surgeon-General of the Army. Fleet surgeons and inspectors of naval hospitals shall have the pay allowed by law, as at present established to fleet surgeons, and the rank allowed by law to inspectors of hospitals in the Army. Surgeons shall have the pay as at present established by law, and the rank allowed by law to surgeons in the Army. Assistant surgeons shall have the pay as at present established by law, and the rank allowed by law to assistant surgeons in the Army,

On motion by Mr. Simms, to amend the reported amendment by striking out, in the fourth line, the words "allowed by law," and in the fifth line the word "established," and by inserting after "present," line 5, the words "allowed by law,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

The residue of the amendments reported by the Committee on Naval Affairs were then agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the bill by inserting after "Navy," section 6, line 5, the words "the grade of first lieutenant in the Navy of the Confederate States shall not be construed to be a new grade,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, to amend the bill by striking out the seventeenth section,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the tenth section

and the President shall, whenever in his opinion any officer, seaman, or marine has performed any gallant and meritorious act as aforesaid, cause to be prepared and engrossed on parchment a resolution of thanks, which shall recite the act or acts that entitle him to thanks; which shall be presented to said officer, seaman, or marine,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the bill by striking out the fifteenth section,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

Ordered, That the further consideration of this bill be postponed to and made the special order for to-morrow at half past 12 o'clock.

Mr. Oldham (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 10) authorizing the Postmaster-General to

extend the time for receiving bids for transportation of the mails in the States therein named; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, the resolution was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill (S. 73) to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war; which was again read the second time and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

That a general commanding a department or an army in the field may assign to duty, as chief of staff, one of the general officers under his command, who shall, under his direction, be charged with the general administration of such department or army. There shall also be allowed to a general commanding as above, to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, one inspector-general, one adjutant-general, one chief quartermaster, one chief commissary, and one chief of ordnance, with the rank, pay, and allowances of a colonel of cavalry; and one surgeon, as medical director, with the pay and allowances of a colonel of cavalry; one aid-de-camp, with the rank, pay, and allowances of a lieutenant-colonel of cavalry; one with the rank, pay, and allowances of a major of cavalry, and one with the rank, pay, and allowances of a captain of cavalry.

Sec. 2. That to a lieutenant-general commanding a corps d'armée shall be allowed, to be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, one assistant inspector-general, one assistant adjutant-general, one chief quartermaster, one chief commissary, and one chief of ordnance, with the rank, pay, and allowances of a lieutenant-colonel of cavalry; one surgeon, as medical director, with the pay and allowances of a lieutenant-colonel of cavalry; one aid-de-camp, with the rank, pay, and allowances of a captain of cavalry, and one with the rank, pay, and allowances of a first lieutenant of cavalry.

Sec. 3. That a major-general commanding a division shall be allowed, to be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, one assistant inspector-general, one assistant adjutant-general, one chief quartermaster, one chief commissary, and one chief of ordnance, with the rank, pay, and allowances of a major of cavalry; also, a surgeon, with the pay and allowances of a major of cavalry; two aids-de-camp, with the rank, pay, and allowances of a captain of cavalry, and one with the rank, pay, and allowances of a first lieutenant of cavalry.

Sec. 4. That a brigadier-general commanding a brigade shall be allowed, to be appointed as heretofore, one assistant inspector-general, one assistant adjutant-general, one chief quartermaster, one chief of ordnance, with the rank, pay, and allowances of a major of cavalry; one surgeon, with the pay and allowances of a major of cavalry; one aid-de-camp, with the rank, pay, and allowances of a captain of cavalry, and one with the rank, pay, and allowances of a first lieutenant of cavalry.

Sec. 5. That the officers assigned to duty, or appointed to armies, army corps, divisions, or brigades, under this act, shall, with the exception of aids-de-camp, form a part and remain attached to the several organizations to which they are assigned or appointed, except when otherwise directed by the President.

Sec. 6. That all appointments under this act shall be made from officers who are now or have been in service, or from privates who have served twelve months in the field.

Sec. 7. That no more officers shall be allowed in the staff of general officers, other than those provided by this act, except such as may be assigned for duty as assistant inspectors or assistant adjutants general.

On motion by Mr. Henry, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "general," section 1, line 7, the words "with the rank, pay, and allowances of a brigadier-general,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Henry, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "inspector-general," section 2, line 3, the words "with the rank, pay, and allowances of a colonel of cavalry,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the reported amendment by striking out, section 2, line 1, the words "corps d'armée" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "army corps,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "general," section 3, line 3, the words "with the rank, pay, and allowances of a lieutenant-colonel of cavalry,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, to amend the reported amendment by striking out, section 4, line 2, the words "as heretofore" and inserting "by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Clark, to amend the reported amendment by inserting at the end of the sixth section "or distinguished themselves in battle,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "inspectors," section 7, line 3, the word "general,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "army," section 1, line 5, the words "and one of the brigadier-generals under his command as inspector-general,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, to amend the reported amendment by striking out, section 1, line 7, the words "one inspector-general, with the rank, pay, and allowances of a brigadier-general,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the reported amendment as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 78) to prevent the absence of officers and soldiers without leave.

On motion by Mr. Clay, to amend the bill by inserting after "leave," section 1, line 6, the words "or beyond the leave granted,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Simms, to amend the bill by striking out, section 1, line 6, the words "in hospitals,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Brown, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the second section the following proviso:

Provided, That this section shall not take effect until it shall have been first proclaimed to the Army in general orders,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the bill by inserting the following independent section:

SEC. 4. That the Secretary of War be required to have this act read at the head of every regiment at the earliest day practicable,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, to amend the bill by inserting the following independent section:

SEC. 4. That this act shall not be construed to relieve any officer or private from any other penalty to which he may be liable by existing laws or regulations,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 14) to authorize newspapers to be mailed to soldiers free of postage; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 42) to amend the tenth section of an act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America, approved March 16, 1861; and

On motion by Mr. Baker,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 22) allowing the Comptroller of the Treasury the privilege of obtaining the legal advice of the Attorney-General; and

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by Mr. Phelan on the 25th instant, that the vote on passing the bill (S. 93) to provide tobacco for the Army be reconsidered; and

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 93) last mentioned; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Oldham presented a joint resolution of the legislature of the State of Texas, requesting their Senators and Representatives in Congress to procure the passage of an act to pay deputy marshals the balance due them for taking the census of 1860; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Oldham,
Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Clay, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 89) to abolish supernumerary offices in the Commissary's and Quartermaster's Departments, reported it with amendments.

On motion by Mr. Clay,
Ordered, That the bill and amendments be printed.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 9) for the relief of the clerks and employees in the Confederate States Arsenal at Richmond, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,
Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported
A bill (S. 104) to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to appoint clerks to the commandant and quartermaster of the Marine Corps; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 101) regulating the fees and compensation of district attorneys, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

On motion by Mr. Hill,
Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of a resolution inquiring into the expediency of so amending the law relating to the mileage of district attorneys of the Confederate States as to allow mileage for all necessary travel in going to and returning from the courts on the route most usually traveled.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, that the vote on passing the bill (S. 14) to authorize newspapers to be mailed to soldiers free of postage be reconsidered,

It was determined in the negative.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 15) for the establishment and equalization of the grade of officers of the Navy of the Confederate States, and for other purposes.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, that it be recommitted to the Committee on Naval Affairs,

It was determined in the negative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments made as in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill as amended now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas----- 10
Nays----- 9

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Caperton, Clark, Dortch, Peyton, Phelan, Simms, Wigfall, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Clay, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, and Sparrow.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (H. R. 7) to prohibit the punishment of soldiers by whipping; and

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 42) to amend the tenth section of an act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America, approved March 16, 1861; and

On motion by Mr. Baker,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 22) allowing the Comptroller of the Treasury the privilege of obtaining the legal advice of the Attorney-General; and

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 45) to amend an act entitled "An act for the establishment and organization of the Army of the Confederate States of America;" and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 34) to amend an act entitled "An act to alter and amend an act for the sequestration of estates, property, and effects

of alien enemies, and for indemnity of citizens of the Confederate States and persons aiding the same in the existing war with the United States," approved February 15, 1862.

On motion by Mr. Baker, to amend the bill by striking out all of the first section after "That," in the second line, and inserting:

in all cases where execution shall be issued for interest, as authorized by the fourteenth section of said act, the defendant shall be liable for costs accruing on such execution: *Provided*, That execution shall not issue within thirty days after the interest becomes due,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment:

Strike out the first section of the bill,

It was determined in the negative.

The residue of the amendments reported by the Committee on the Judiciary were then agreed to.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 46) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for transportation of persons who have been mustered into the service for the war;" and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 56) to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts," approved October 9, 1862.

On motion by Mr. Caperton, to amend the bill by inserting the following independent section:

Sec. 2. That the provost-marshals of said courts shall be entitled to the rank, pay, and allowances of a captain of cavalry,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Caperton, that the last-mentioned vote be reconsidered,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Clay, that the bill be postponed indefinitely,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the bill by striking out, in the sixth and seventh lines, the words "the President be, and he is, authorized to organize;" by inserting after "court," line 7, the words "shall be organized;" by striking out "his," line 8, and inserting "the;" by inserting after "judgment," line 8, the words "of the President," and by inserting after "require," line 8, the words "to be organized in the manner, and with powers prescribed in the act of which this is amendatory,"

On motion by Mr. Henry, that the bill, with the proposed amendment, be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, that the bill, with the proposed amendment, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs,

It was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes, It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ----- 8
Nays ----- 7

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Clark, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Mitchel, Phelan, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Burnett, Clay, Oldham, Wigfall, and Yancey.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Wigfall submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That the vote on rejecting the bill (S. 7) to place hospitals under military control be reconsidered.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I regret that a sense of duty compels me to return to you, with my objections, an act which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to increase the strength and efficiency of heavy artillery for seacoast defense."

This act selects from the Provisional Army a particular regiment, known as the First Regiment of South Carolina Infantry, and directs that it shall hereafter be known as the Second Regiment of South Carolina Artillery, and shall have the same organization as is now allowed by law to the First Regiment of South Carolina Artillery.

It next directs that the First and Second regiments of South Carolina Artillery shall be increased to twelve companies each, and that the complement of a company shall be one hundred and twenty-five enlisted men.

The objections entertained to these provisions are grave, and I submit them as succinctly as possible.

1. The organization of artillery into regiments is subject to great inconvenience, and impairs the efficiency of that important arm of the service.

Both in the Regular and the Provisional Army, the organization of the artillery is a corps composed of batteries, the commander of a battery being a captain and the men being formed into companies. This organization applies to both heavy or siege and field artillery, and experience has shown it to be more efficient than the organization into regiments. Under the law as it now exists the exact number of batteries required at any point can be ordered there, and an officer of such rank as is appropriate to the number of guns is assigned to their command. It is thus in the power of commanders to assign officers to the duties for which they are most competent, some having greater merit in heavy and others in light artillery. The system has worked exceedingly well, and I should greatly regret to see it changed or impaired by exceptions. If the organization by regiments be better, it ought to be adopted for the whole artillery service. If not, why should the exceptions to a good system be increased in number?

Where the organization is uniform throughout the service, the troops are better satisfied and the administration of the Army is much more easy and efficient. Where

there are exceptions, there is constant effort on the part of the men to change from one organization to another, discontent is engendered, and embarrassments arise in administration.

It rarely occurs that the service of artillery is required at one point to the number of ten or twelve companies. The exigencies of the service will require that these regiments (if organized as contemplated in the bill now returned to you) shall be broken into detachments, and the field officers, in such event, would be in command of fractions not proportional to their rank.

The First Regiment of South Carolina Artillery was organized by the State before the formation of the Confederacy, and when it was transferred to this Government it was necessarily accepted with the existing organization; but that organization was exceptional and objectionable for the reasons already stated. It has been retained in Fort Sumter, which is one of the points where such an organization is least detrimental to the service, but no satisfactory reason is perceived for augmenting the number of companies of which it is composed or for the organization of another regiment.

The First Regiment of South Carolina Infantry, or a part of it, I am informed, has been assigned to duty and has received instruction in the artillery service, and can be so employed without the passage of the act in question as long as the exigencies of the service may require. It still remains, however, infantry, and could in case of necessity be used as such in the field. If the act should become a law, this advantage would be lost without any apparent compensating benefit.

II. The act seems to me objectionable as being special legislation.

It is well known that the artillery service is very generally preferred by our troops to infantry service. It is believed that there would be little difficulty now in raising a regiment of artillerists from citizens exempt from conscription, while such is not the case with infantry. If the example be once set of converting regiments of infantry into artillery, it needs little foresight to predict that Congress will be beset with applications for such change from regiments now serving as infantry, and claims will be put forward for equal favors in each of the States. Wherever siege artillery is required the delegations from the different States will naturally expect and apply for a grant of the same favor to some infantry regiment from their State, and this result would be far from conducive to the discipline of the Army and the good of the service.

There are now numbers of our citizens who, after having volunteered in the infantry, have been found too feeble in constitution to withstand the fatigue and exhaustion of the rapid movements on which the success of our military operations depends. Such soldiers would deem it a great favor to be transferred to the service of heavy artillery, for which they would be well fitted, and their claims for this favorite service appear to me better founded than those of the enlisted men of the infantry regiment designated in the act.

If the purpose of the act be, as it apparently is, to provide for twenty-four companies of artillerists to serve together, the command of these companies would be of sufficient importance to require the appointment of a brigadier-general to command them; and it is feared that such special legislation, without apparent necessity, for one State would be made the precedent for similar demands from other States, thus leading to consequences which did not perhaps suggest themselves to Congress when the bill received its assent.

III. It is finally suggested for the consideration of Congress whether some of the provisions of this bill are not equivalent to the exercise of Executive functions by the legislative department of the Government, and therefore an infringement of the principles of the Constitution which so carefully separate the duties of these different departments.

Congress has power to "make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces," as well as to "raise armies."

Under these powers Congress could undoubtedly order the raising of regiments of artillery for seacoast defense, and by change of organization direct that a certain number of regiments of infantry be converted into artillery. But such is not the bill under discussion. Congress in that bill orders a specified regiment to be employed for seacoast defense. If this be a legitimate exercise of legislative power, Congress can of course select other regiments and order them to the defense of the Indian country, and select, again, other regiments and order them to be sent to the Tennessee, the Virginia, or the Texan frontier.

Such orders seem to me purely executive. They have hitherto been made through the Adjutant-General of the Army, and it requires but little reflection to perceive that the exercise of such powers by Congress withdraws from the Executive the authority indispensable to the fulfillment of his functions as Commander in Chief.

These reasons have appeared to my mind decisive of the question, and I therefore respectfully return them to the Senate as those which have prevented my approval of the act, which is also herewith returned.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., *March 31, 1863.*

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Yancey,
Ordered, That it be printed.

The Senate proceeded to reconsider the bill (S. 36) entitled "An act to increase the strength and efficiency of heavy artillery for seacoast defense," returned to the Senate by the President of the Confederate States with his objections; which bill is in the following words:

An act to increase the strength and efficiency of heavy artillery for seacoast defense.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the regiment of enlisted soldiers known as the First Regiment of South Carolina Infantry, now serving in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, shall hereafter be known as the Second Regiment of South Carolina Artillery, and shall have the same organization as is now allowed by law to the First Regiment of South Carolina Artillery.

SEC. 2. That the First and Second regiments of South Carolina Artillery be increased to twelve companies each, and the complement of a company be one hundred and twenty-five enlisted men.

TH. S. BOCOCK,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

R. M. T. HUNTER,

President pro tempore of the Senate.

I certify that this act originated in the Senate.

JAMES H. NASH, *Secretary.*

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *April 1, 1863.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I nominate the persons named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, March 31, 1863.*

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Marine Corps:

Second lieutenants.

J. Campbell Murdoch, of Maryland; Samuel M. Roberts, of Louisiana.

With much respect, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Haynes, that the vote referring the nomination of J. Campbell Murdoch as second lieutenant to the Committee on Naval Affairs be reconsidered,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed three enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 10) authorizing the Postmaster-General to extend the time for receiving bids for transportation of the mails in the States therein named, with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed, without amendment, Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 25. An act to change the title of engineers in the Navy;

S. 49. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to employ the best pilots for service in the Confederate States;

S. 52. An act to fix the rank of officers in the military and naval service of the Confederate States holding commissions under the Provisional Government when reappointed to offices of the same grade under the Permanent Government;

S. 60. An act to authorize the appointment of a register and an additional clerk and a draftsman for the Navy Department; and

S. 114 (of the last session). An act for the relief of certain officers of the Navy and of the Marine Corps.

And they have passed bills and a joint resolution of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 20. An act to allow commutation for clothing to the militia in actual service of the Confederate States;

H. R. 21. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to make certain contracts without advertising for proposals," approved August 29, 1861;

H. R. 22. An act to regulate the pay of the officers formerly belonging to the revenue service of the United States, and now in the employment of the Confederate States;

H. R. 23. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to organize the Department of State," approved February 21, 1861;

H. R. 24. An act to repeal the laws of naturalization; and

H. R. 7. Joint resolution of thanks to Lieut. Col. Joseph A. Yates and the officers and men of his command.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President be requested to inform the Senate if any and what orders have been given by the military authorities in Richmond to arrest soldiers whose furloughs have not expired and confine them in barracks or prisons while said soldiers remain in Richmond.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 94) to establish the form of fifty-cent Treasury notes, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 94) last mentioned; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Mitchel, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 85) to establish a preferred mail across the Mississippi River, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 85) last mentioned; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bills and joint resolution received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 20 and the joint resolution numbered 7 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; that the bill numbered 21 be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs; that the bill numbered 22 be referred to the Committee on Commerce; that the bill numbered 23 be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and that the bill numbered 24 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the joint resolution (S. 10) authorizing the Postmaster-General to extend the time for receiving bids for transportation of the mails in the States therein named; and

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, that the vote on passing the bill (H. R. 15) for the establishment and equalization of the grade of officers of the Navy of the Confederate States, and for other purposes, be reconsidered,

It was determined in the negative, {	Yeas -----	12
	Nays -----	12

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Clay, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Caperton, Clark, Davis, Dortch, Johnson of Georgia, Mitchel, Peyton, Phelan, Wigfall, and Yancey.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 36) to increase the strength and efficiency of heavy artillery for seacoast defense, returned by the President with his objections; and

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow at half past 12 o'clock.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by Mr. Maxwell on the 31st of March, to reconsider the vote on passing the bill (S. 4) to regulate the action of the Secretary of the Navy upon the decisions of naval general courts-martial; and

The motion was not agreed to.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 10) to allow minors to hold commissions in the Army; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas.....	11
	{ Nays.....	10

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Maxwell, Mitchel, Orr, Peyton, Phelan, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Clark, Clay, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Semmes, and Sparrow.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 12. An act to provide for continuing in service seamen and ordinary seamen now in the service of the Confederate States;

S. 48. An act to authorize the discharge of certain civil officers from the military service of the Confederate States; and

S. 51. An act to alter and amend an act entitled "An act for the sequestration of the estates, property, and effects of alien enemies, and for indemnity of citizens of the Confederate States and persons aiding the same in the existing war with the United States," approved August 30, 1861, and an act altering and amending the same, approved on the 15th day of February, 1862.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 12) for the relief of certain officers and soldiers from the State of Missouri.

An amendment having been proposed to the bill by Mr. Peyton,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Peyton,

Ordered, That the bill, together with the proposed amendment, be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 75) to provide for having the laws relating to military and naval affairs digested and published.

The blanks in the bill having been filled,
After debate,

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 59) to amend an act entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to make certain contracts without advertising for proposals," approved August 29, 1861; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 4) in relation to the free navigation of the Mississippi River; and

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 62) to pay officers, noncommissioned officers, and privates not legally mustered into the service of the Confederate States for services actually performed; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 47) making Columbia, S. C., a port of delivery for goods imported into Charleston, S. C., and Wilmington, N. C.; and

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Wigfall submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That the vote on passing the bill (S. 56) to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts," approved October 9, 1862, be reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 18) to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States, reported it with an amendment.

Ordered, That the bill and amendment be printed.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That 200 additional copies of the amendment be printed for the use of the Senate.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 25) to make appropriations for ironclad and other war steamers, steam engines, and other supplies contracted for abroad; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 25) this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Yancey (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 11) to provide for the removal of the seat of government;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *April 2, 1863.*

To the President of the Senate of the Confederate States:

I nominate the person named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, April 2, 1863.*

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Navy for the war:

Lieutenant for the war.

Sidney H. McAdam, of Tennessee.

With much respect, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,

Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of A. C. Riley, Abner Perrin, Thomas S. Garnett, W. P. Bynum, W. McComb, N. H. Harris, T. W. Mangham, to be colonels; H. A. Garland, J. N. Brown, J. C. Higginbotham, R. H. Dungan, W. R. Cox, John A. Fite, R. W. Withers, W. A. Witcher, James W. Lockert, A. J. Hutchins, N. J. George, W. G. Vaughan, John M. Legett, Jesse J. Alldridge, E. S. Barclay, James S. Boynton, to be lieutenant-colonels; John P. Bane, R. J. Duffy, E. Croft, Oscar White, W. S. Stallings, N. M. Morris, F. G. Buchanan, James H. Neal, T. J. Hardin, S. B. Thomas, W. M. Hardwick, Jos. Hamilton, to be majors; W. H. Binford, Thomas E. Moss, D. H. Hamilton, Edward B. Goode, S. A. Gassaway, A. C. Dickenson, Bird Holland, Louis Moritz, Fred. H. West, John E. Hart, J. T. Morehead, O. H. Leland, T. J. Eubanks, J. R. Massey, Charles M. Christian, Oscar R. Hough, Benjamin F. Keller, J. H. Barbee, James C. Marshall, Benja-

min Green, W. M. Davis, Thomas F. Roche, Jesse W. Edmundson, Jos. L. Robertson, J. E. Harwood, De B. Waddell, Robert K. Jones, H. B. McClellan, A. J. Sykes, Philip Jones, J. L. Power, E. M. Clayton, George P. Fuhrman, H. Marshall, Frank W. Baker, David M. McIntire, Benjamin F. Miller, Henry Fisher, Wilbur F. Blackman, Sam. L. Alexander, George D. Parker, L. L. McDowell, John M. Douglass, S. D. Steedman, John L. Cowardin, John H. Cox, Robert Wayne, Henry T. Jordan, J. Harper Lindsay, H. N. Hutton, James D. Harden, J. N. Gilmer, N. T. Roberts, James A. Harden, Thomas H. Smith, Holmes Conrad, J. C. B. Smith, Richard G. Wharton, Richard A. Irvin, G. S. Barthelmess, Robert W. Haynes, Thomas J. Shine, John T. Beach, John M. Preston, Thomas Riggs, J. F. Love, Robert H. Williams, John A. Lewellyn, Thomas Smith, W. W. Brown, C. A. De Russey, Thomas J. Dyson, Robert M. Brown, James F. Crocker, J. J. Dunlop, Clark G. Hale, George O. Elms, Byron B. Bower, M. M. Shelly, C. L. Sims, John L. Hood, Benjamin Snodgrass, John C. Bufington, James R. Hagood, W. F. Colcock, William S. McNeill, John Orr, Benjamin H. Newton, Robert H. Davis, George W. Johnson, Thomas A. Nicoll, George W. Booth, James W. Moore, William B. Sayers, Alexander Marks, Lewis P. Butler, J. S. Williamson, W. W. Bailey, Henry R. Kenna, S. W. Nelson, John J. Symons, George R. Cammack, John S. Jenkins, John T. Ault, Henry H. Houston, M. H. Hopkins, James L. White, James Williams, J. H. R. Cundiff, George L. Griscom, E. K. Bryan, W. A. Floyd, F. C. Hume, A. W. Green, R. B. Snodgrass, Horace M. Smith, William Galt, Lucius H. Smith, J. W. Gray, L. T. Mallory, W. F. Shellman, T. M. Freeman, S. Whitaker, William D. Biser, John A. Wallace, W. F. Dunaway, John B. Jones, William L. Church, A. H. Pickett, M. E. Williams, to be adjutants, with the rank of first lieutenant, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to their nomination by the President.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 30th ultimo) the nomination of William F. Howell, to be navy agent, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of William F. Howell, to be navy agent, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nomination of Francis A. Shoup, to be brigadier-general.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That its further consideration be postponed till to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nomination of R. H. Chilton, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of colonel.

On motion by Mr. Clark,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed till to-morrow.

Mr. Semmes submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire and report whether a nomination made at a previous session of the Senate, and postponed by a vote of the Senate to an ensuing session, can be considered by the Senate, at such ensuing session, for confirmation or rejection.

Mr. Wigfall submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President be, and he is hereby, requested, in nominating surgeons to the Senate for confirmation, to designate those nominated for hospitals and those for regiments, specifying the regiments for which they are respectively nominated.

On motion by Mr. Clay,
The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

The Journal of yesterday having been read,
On motion by Mr. Clay,
The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Clay (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 105) to provide for the conscription of aliens resident in the Confederate States;
which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution for the adjournment of the two Houses of Congress, sine die, on Monday, the 20th of April, at 12 o'clock m.; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 14) to prevent fraud in the Quartermaster's and Commissary's Departments, and the obtaining under false pretense transportation for private property, reported it with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the bill and amendment be printed.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

S. 25. An act to change the title of engineers in the Navy;

S. 49. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to employ the best pilots for service in the Confederate Marine;

S. 60. An act to authorize the appointment of a register and an additional clerk and a draftsman for the Navy Department; and

S. 8. Joint resolution relating to the production of provisions.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and the enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 97) to exempt contractors for carrying the mails of the Confederate States and the drivers of post coaches and hacks from military service, with an amendment; in which they ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 36) to increase the strength and efficiency of heavy artillery for seacoast defense, returned by the President with his objections.

After debate,

Mr. Haynes demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being put,

Shall this bill pass, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas -----	18
	{ Nays -----	5

The vote having been taken by yeas and nays, conformably to the seventh section of the first article of the Constitution,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Clay, Haynes, Henry, Hunter, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Peyton, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, Wigfall, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Dortch, Hill, Johnson of Georgia, Mitchel, and Phelan.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, two-thirds of the Senators present voting in favor thereof.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the Secretary communicate the said bill, the message of the President returning the same to the Senate with his objections, and the proceedings of the Senate thereon, to the House of Representatives.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 97) to exempt contractors for carrying the mails of the Confederate States and the drivers of post coaches and hacks from military service; and

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Resolved, That the Senate disagree to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the said bill, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Oldham, Mr. Yancey, and Mr. Mitchel were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

Ordered, That on and after Monday, the 6th instant, the daily hour of meeting of the Senate shall be 11 o'clock a. m.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,
The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 11) to provide for the removal of the seat of government.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, that it lie upon the table,

It was determined in the affirmative, {	Yeas-----	14
	Nays-----	8

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Orr, Peyton, Phelan, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Clark, Clay, Haynes, Henry, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, and Yancey.

So it was

Ordered, That this resolution lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 18) to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to and made the special order for Monday next at half past 12 o'clock.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of R. L. Walker, to be colonel of artillery; R. Snowden Andrews, J. J. Garnett, D. Kemper, William Nelson, Thomas H. Carter, H. P. Jones, John Pelham, to be lieutenant-colonels of artillery; W. E. Burnet, J. W. Anderson, John P. W. Read, Frank Huger, John Lane, C. M. Braxton, W. J. Pegram, J. W. Latimer, J. B. Brockenbrough, D. G. McIntosh, William T. Poague, to be majors of artillery; John M. Allen, W. A. Greene, George F. Carmichael, A. C. Smith, T. J. B. Roemer, George W. Henley, P. B. McKelvey, Frank Hawthorn, E. M. Watts, L. U. Mayo, W. A. McPheeters, Thomas M. Blackwell, William Warne, T. L. Ogier, John D. Starry, E. F. Colzey, S. E. H. Dance, James Purviance, R. B. Gardner, H. S. Jones, William T. Abrahams, J. S. Cutliff, R. D. Haden, Robert C. Wood, Van B. Gilbert, William H. Robertson, Lewis Randolph, John W. Baker, L. P. Warren, James A. Pearce, E. Randall, William D. Lindsay, Jasper F. Butler, J. F. Delony, James W. Hutchings, J. E. Pearson, Leonard Randall, W. T. Upshaw, Thomas W. Meagher, James A. Todd, O. R. Early, N. W. White, L. M. Austin, John R.

Raine, J. M. Bogle, J. H. Sears, H. P. Ritter, Columbus A. Thomas, Arthur T. Crozier, A. C. Blevins, W. W. Lambdin, George Porter, J. M. Stevens, Joseph Hannon, J. L. Harris, B. H. Hoyt, J. W. Walker, Martin C. Wright, Edward McDonald, Wallace Estill, Alexander Harris, Walker Curry, Thomas Mattingly, C. N. Austin, J. L. Carter, William D. Hoyt, Dan. C. O'Keefe, D. L. McLaughlin, Thomas C. Atkinson, Thomas Turner, Thomas J. Buffington, Edward Byrne, David E. Ewart, B. F. Kilgore, John Lewis, F. B. Richerson, A. E. Williams, W. H. Williams, J. Walter Hill, W. H. Geddings, S. C. Benjamin, David P. Ramseur, Oscar Wiley, Augustus H. Parrish, Micajah P. Quinn, James T. Davidson, Judson A. Butts, C. Peyton, Hugh L. McGuire, S. S. Neill, T. K. Bostwick, John M. Estill, H. G. Latham, James Robinson, Alfred Patton, A. P. Collins, J. Hendree, Silas Johnson, Samuel Meredith, G. W. Robards, H. H. Parker, William Webb, D. A. Maxwell, N. Bozeman, Elbert Pinner, Lot W. Savage, U. G. Owen, John Mills, Theo. P. Mayo, T. A. Davis, Thomas J. Young, B. F. Duggan, E. Y. Salmon, B. W. Toole, Benjamin T. Green, L. L. Saunders, W. H. Battle, Llewellen P. Warren, N. H. Whitfield, Jos. C. Roberts, John M. Baylis, Columbus A. Thomas, E. Burke Haywood, John S. Baxter, George R. Griffith, James M. Holcombe, J. S. Cain, James Ware, Walter Brice, Robert D. Hamilton, W. H. Miller, John L. Alston, B. H. Rutland, R. S. Strother, C. L. Herbert, J. A. Lanier, J. B. Murfree, J. S. McCain, Miles H. Nash, J. W. Lake, W. E. Brickell, William R. Stride, William T. McAllister, Philip B. Minor, William B. Harrison, R. H. Whitfield, George C. Gray, William M. McPheeters, G. M. B. Maughs, Don C. Roberts, N. H. Payne, James W. Frazer, James S. Lewis, Jos. E. Clagett, Alexander S. Grigsby, John H. Watkins, Leonidas Holt, Charles Pinckney, Jos. J. West, William T. Wragg, Hugh A. Blair, W. H. Winn, Edward H. Kelly, W. M. Fuqua, V. W. Harrison, Robert S. Lewis, William Green, Samuel R. Rixey, Samuel A. Slater, Henry F. Andrews, James M. G. McGuire, John M. Gaines, Charles S. Morton, John A. Graham, Monro Banister, Benjamin W. Taylor, John K. McLean, William P. Harden, Robert H. Edmunds, Christopher Happoldt, Francis O. Dannelly, Thomas W. Hutson, Joseph Jones, Robert M. Hill, Henry O. McEnery, Noah B. Cloud, Anthony P. Pelzer, Robert Lebby, sr., J. E. A. Davidson, Sheldon Stringer, Jonas P. Moore, U. R. Milner, William B. Wall, Thomas F. Clardy, J. W. Thompson, Henry S. Cox, Wilbur F. Hyer, John C. Merrill, Kelly Williams, N. A. Davis, G. C. Phillips, Robert A. Price, Richard L. Butt, Charles Mann, George W. Riggins, Benjamin F. Hall, Edward W. Cade, Ebenezer Jones, Eugene W. Herndon, Akin M. Sublett, Edwin E. Harris, David R. Wallace, U. V. Walker, G. G. Farnandis, Thomas J. Workman, William Thomas Jones, John Geddings Hardy, William Jennings, John H. Morton, William B. Welch, C. Dorsey Baer, James A. L. Purdom, John J. Grinstead, G. N. Beaumont, Henry B. Horlbeck, Peter G. Snowden, T. J. Taliaferro, to be surgeons; C. T. Taliaferro, J. A. S. Todd, J. K. Humble, William T. Saunders, Thomas O. Heard, W. P. Campbell, Benjamin W. Moore, Joseph H. Cook, R. D. Jackson, C. A. Henderson, Barnabas P. White, J. S. Herring, W. W. McCartney, J. T. Palmer, Milton Wright, J. S. McCluskey, Green H. Hunter, Benjamin F. Cheers, T. C. Thompson, W. W. White, A. H. King, Thomas F. Walker, J. H. Hicks, W. A. Mulkey, James W. McGee, D. C. Diggs, John R. Coffman, A. C. C.

Thompson, B. S. Watkins, S. Kenan, A. V. Budd, W. R. Curtis, John M. Thomasson, W. H. Price, John Minge, A. P. Collins, A. B. Johns, John M. Gaddis, W. E. Jones, Theoph. H. Means, J. W. Maddin, C. G. Cox, G. M. King, A. J. Pierson, T. L. Bondurant, Edward H. Hart, David W. Booth, Lewis H. Jones, J. S. Wilson, Benjamin C. Redford, Edward G. Banks, J. D. Reynolds, W. T. McLane, A. F. Verdery, W. L. Barksdale, John H. Rice, J. W. Stalnaker, J. H. Conally, W. H. Bramblett, Edward Furniss, William J. Thompson, William J. Jordan, Augustus Woodcock, Stephen S. Herrick, W. W. Love, Robert Percy, C. A. Jones, William H. Tucker, J. S. Bruce, C. F. Robinson, W. B. Dashiell, David G. Cooper, E. M. McMurran, J. W. Smith, Thomas W. Spruill, John D. Stuart, Henry J. Hunter, John H. Gray, Isaac G. Cannady, G. W. Hunton, H. Graham, H. St. George Hopkins, E. S. Martin, John G. Binnis, T. J. Bennett, A. S. Gordon, C. S. Roy, N. W. Calhoun, C. G. Coleman, jr., J. E. Bell, J. Moodie, H. C. Rogers, John Norman, Charles G. Campbell, David A. Neer, O. A. Hobson, W. H. Tisdale, James B. Luckie, W. H. Oliver, Thomas T. Pratt, William P. Richardson, W. O. Hall, W. G. Carter, C. H. Diggs, John S. Richardson, H. M. Scramble, W. S. Peck, J. A. Carter, Daniel E. Smith, Thomas H. Kinney, F. R. Gregory, J. B. Alexander, Henry B. Melvin, J. H. M. Sykes, R. P. Snowden, J. D. Wood, Robert H. Jordan, James A. Templeton, Henry L. Wilson, William Murdoch, Isaac G. Clark, J. J. Callaway, O. Waller, C. H. German, W. A. Anderson, J. S. Fish, John E. Price, Thomas G. Slaughter, D. B. Benson, Brett Shaafer, Samuel Muller, Joseph J. Baxter, Edward B. Houghton, Samuel B. Flowers, John D. Spicer, Wilberforce R. McKnew, William Little, Francis Gillam, Marcus A. Butler, Benjamin W. Sparks, John S. Murphy, Charles Lee Dunkley, Albert C. Byrne, James C. Green, Joseph H. Vaughan, William T. Goldsmith, Robert H. Bush, Thomas H. Beaty, David Steel, Edwin W. Gordon, George M. Burdett, Henry G. Land, Isaiah Bee, William D. Brogle, Henry W. Waters, A. A. Laurence, Junius J. Broyles, William R. Gunn, William A. Bickers, Marcellus E. Vason, William C. Kloman, Lafayette J. Jones, Charles H. Todd, Thomas Smith, William E. Herring, Skirving Price, William L. Nichols, David G. Coit, John C. Staunton, John J. Terrell, James W. Oliver, J. T. Scott, E. Miller, J. W. Naul, B. W. Lauderdale, N. D. Phillips, S. H. Peacock, J. E. Wilson, T. P. Bailey, Charles A. McKinley, J. W. Beall, J. F. Crawford, T. W. Nichols, A. C. Crymes, J. L. Westbrook, G. W. Evans, C. M. Sitman, X. Xaupi, T. R. Meux, R. H. Sizmore, James O. Fox, A. A. Powell, W. M. Wright, J. B. F. Hill, J. P. Allison, A. A. Bruce, Charles Smith, T. G. Birchett, A. J. Manning, W. B. Dale, L. H. Cohen, H. P. Rider, John R. Kirkland, Charles E. Bellamy, William W. Lambdin, Joseph W. Harvey, J. N. Outten, George W. Lockhart, George D. Hall, E. B. Lott, William S. Lee, R. M. Tindall, S. R. Olliphant, J. M. Heard, S. N. Denham, John L. Moore, G. T. Pursley, John F. Kennedy, Edwin C. Lyles, T. W. Yates, Harnet Pinson, John Gerdine, J. Purvis Jenkins, D. R. Hewitt, N. J. Thompson, Samuel Parker, J. Jefferson Hale, John P. Furniss, John H. Brack, M. Deavenport, George H. Moore, J. S. Meriwether, James B. Wiggins, James M. Warren, William T. Grant, James B. Hinkle, Robert D. Jackson, John F. McLane, Wilfred Du Pont, Frank R. Calhoun, William M. Inabnett, Matthew W. Abney, William H. Benson, James H. Houston, Robert Q. Stacy, Wil-

liam Magill, George S. Trezevant, George H. Bright, Hilliard H. Harley, E. R. Vernon, J. C. Word, Henry J. Warmuth, Charles Hardee, R. T. De Aragon, H. F. Oliver, S. C. Caldwell, Robert G. Rothrock, J. J. Wade, Benjamin C. Blake, John M. Lemmon, A. S. Yarborough, D. B. Peirce, J. M. Haynes, Albert R. Taber, Gustavus G. Roy, David H. Connally, Thomas S. Mitchell, Robert Wilson, William C. Silliman, Lewis D. Carson, William D. Weldon, Charles B. Addison, Eldridge T. McSwain, Nicholas P. Marlow, John P. Cameron, Esidro J. Oliveros, Theodosius Alston, Thomas H. Wilkerson, Thomas P. Gary, Edward H. Sholl, George W. Coxwell, Benjamin J. Moseley, Allen T. Lipford, Thomas J. Palmer, S. W. Franklin, C. L. Evans, James W. Dupree, Lea Williamson, E. B. Blocker, F. A. Anderson, R. T. Wilson, James W. Miller, William J. Armstrong, A. M. King, T. J. Rogers, Martin S. Schofield, William C. Lewis, Anderson McCarty, H. H. Ferrell, Richard N. Venable, Thomas H. Turner, Robert Duncan, John R. Lowther, William P. Smith, James T. Leath, James L. Davis, F. D. Hallonquist, David W. Fentress, Alonzo G. V. Doney, Robert J. Bell, C. C. Taliaferro, David C. Hewson, George W. Bryan, Richard L. Smith, J. Baldwin Brock, William MacN. Whistler, Ozy R. Horton, George Stanley King, Sidney E. Babcock, Andrew Bowie, Josiah N. Boggs, Julius A. Caldwell, Edward C. Eppes, William Morris, James J. Palmer, M. A. Shackelford, A. P. McCullough, Benjamin F. Duvall, John S. Pride, William G. Gamble, Louis D. Carter, James S. McDonough, James S. Fish, John Goodman, Charles P. Bogan, John G. Russell, William S. Fowler, S. O. B. Crockett, Thomas B. Benedict, R. H. Rutherford, James H. Mullins, William J. Cocke, Edward Pollard, John R. Hinton, Robert C. Carroll, Edwin E. Kellam, Peter Goolrick, Isaac R. Godwin, Reginald H. Goode, John A. Nelson, Jos. C. Vaiden, Jason F. Norman, David M. Clarke, Henry Briscoe, William A. Shelby, Eleazar A. Pyatt, Richard Fowler, William A. Anderson, A. Thornburgh, John Carmichael, Hugh M. Rogers, George G. Mathews, Benjamin Franklin, William C. Bellamy, Alfred M. Alsbrook, Henry Dye, James B. Simons, N. F. Kirkland, Henry T. Heard, Lewis Stephens, P. D. Coulson, Henry L. Burton, S. C. Young, Benjamin F. Kittrell, R. H. Jones, to be assistant surgeons, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the message of the President of the 24th ultimo, submitting the following nominations as surgeons and assistant surgeons, viz:

James E. Godfrey, William M. Gentry, J. E. Dulaney, George C. Gray, Frank A. Ramsey, John Patterson, J. J. Chisolm, H. G. Davidson, Robert H. Dalton, J. Taylor Gilmore, J. W. C. Smith, James M. Holloway, Thomas C. Buffington, George B. Douglas, E. L. Anthony, John H. Stevens, L. V. Huot, P. B. McKelvey, Stokes A. Smith, Carey B. Gamble, Robert J. Hicks, R. H. Peel, Montrose A. Pallen, Charles Bell Gibson, J. B. McCaw, William D. Lyles, St. George Peachy, J. F. Moore, A. W. Thompson, Robert Gibbon, Henry K. Green, S. E. Habersham, Thomas D. Isom, S. S. Satchwell, F. J. Robertson, Willis

F. Westmoreland, J. McF. Gaston, T. L. Ogier, sr., A. J. Semmes, W. S. Lawton, C. J. Clark, M. S. Thomas, R. H. Taylor, Richard H. Edwards, Alfred Wallace, Emmett Woodward, W. C. Cavenagh, C. R. Kemper, R. W. Mitchell, J. W. Powell, J. A. Pleasants, W. O. Owen, Harvey L. Byrd, W. C. N. Randolph, Thomas Lining, J. H. Claiborne, J. S. D. Cullen, Lewis T. Pim, O. A. Crenshaw, James Dunn, Thomas A. Healey, M. P. Scott, W. M. Brown, A. S. Baldwin, E. T. Taliaferro, W. J. Arrington, A. S. Baldrige, J. F. Reid, Charles F. Brown, John J. Dement, J. W. Thompson, Andrew F. Wright, Peter Custis, L. P. Yandell, jr., J. F. McRee, A. B. Cabaniss, H. M. Weedon, James M. Alexander, A. Dunlop, John T. Darby, James A. Bowers, B. W. Ussery, R. J. Bigelow, Thomas J. Buffington, Edward Swanson, J. M. Brannock, Edward H. C. Bailey, E. McD. Coffey, John M. Allen, Preston B. Scott, Charles C. Schley, W. S. Love, Thomas J. Boykin, J. C. M. Merrillat, G. W. Currey, Joseph C. Habersham, Thomas H. Fisher, James F. Grant, James D. Galt, W. H. Geddings, Peter Lyons, P. W. Young, Thomas B. Memminger, Robert T. Royston, Randolph Barksdale, Benjamin Blackford, A. W. Bailey, Thomas A. Means, P. F. Browne, R. Kidder Taylor, E. G. Higginbotham, Marion Howard, James W. Claiborne, Herbert M. Nash, E. J. Roach, J. P. Logan, Robert Battey, Alexander Hart, James S. Morel, Peter E. Hines, Howard T. Barton, Richard P. Johnson, William M. Wilson, J. B. Gaston, Joseph F. Watkins, J. B. Strachan, W. H. Cumming, James M. Johnston, J. B. Tuft, W. S. Meiere, Livingston Waddell, Robert E. Moore, John Minor, U. R. Jones, W. A. Thom, R. P. Walton, E. N. Wood, W. C. Cross, H. H. McGuire, J. W. Ramsay, W. M. Post, George F. Cooper, M. M. Lewis, E. Lloyd Howard, C. W. Chancellor, J. A. Straith, G. W. Thornhill, W. S. Grymes, George W. Semple, W. J. Moore, G. S. Hébert, Joseph A. James, Thomas M. Palmer, H. V. Miller, M. H. Houston, Octavius A. White, W. T. Walker, J. F. Hustis, George Whitfield, W. H. Moore, J. R. Hill, David H. Tucker, Spiers Singleton, Samuel Logan, W. M. Campbell, George W. Briggs, G. S. West, J. S. Wellford, to be surgeons; W. E. Pegram, C. B. Hilliard, Edward J. Rembert, W. S. Mitchell, J. W. Sears, Alexander T. Bell, James Evans, J. M. Adams, Bartlett A. Curtis, H. L. Hines, F. M. Henderson, R. D. Bagnall, J. C. Jones, J. C. Mobley, P. B. Baker, E. Jaquelin Harrison, James S. Gilliam, Charles H. Taber, J. F. Jackson, J. A. Groves, Edmunds Mason, Emile T. Sabal, G. A. McDowell, James J. Cook, J. H. Nuttall, T. R. Wingo, Alfred R. Gourrier, W. W. Hamner, R. K. Carter, E. B. Perrin, Franklin J. Moses, O. P. Langworthy, J. T. McFarland, James A. Miller, J. C. Walker, Edward G. Porcher, H. F. Butt, G. R. Millen, John M. Richmond, C. L. Garnett, James McIntosh, J. M. Dennis, J. H. Blaxom, W. J. Davidson, Newton Wayt, B. St. George Tucker, S. V. D. Hill, W. D. Somers, W. X. Moseley, Colby Cowherd, G. L. Jones, John Clopton, Thomas Opie, H. N. Young, L. B. Herndon, Peter Winston, M. J. De Rosset, H. F. Witherspoon, G. W. Carrington, C. M. Hunter, J. S. Buist, William Morrow, W. H. Sanders, W. T. Delany, Richard Boyd, F. T. Fry, G. A. D. Galt, Sterling C. Eve, H. C. Chalmers, C. Shirley Carter, Tomlin Braxton, Dan. Parker, Walton Saunders, John C. Baylor, C. R. Hayward, William W. Gaither, J. T. Love, C. K. Mauzy, Jos. Yates, P. B. Stovall, R. E. Moore, S. H. Lamar, Arthur Brogden, W. L. Lipscomb, B. M. Lebbly, Egbert B. Johnston, Sam. Miller, to be assistant surgeons.

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to these appointments?

It was determined in the affirmative.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to their respective nominations.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Maxwell presented a memorial in behalf of certain destitute families taken from and near the city of Pensacola, Fla., by military authority; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Brown (by leave) introduced the following bills; which were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs:

S. 106. A bill to create a provisional navy of the Confederate States;

S. 107. A bill to provide for the transfer of persons serving in the Army to the Navy; and

S. 108. A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate impressments," approved March 26, 1863.

Mr. Clay (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 109) to provide for retiring officers of the Army; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Phelan, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the bill (S. 13) in relation to the public printing, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

Ordered, That it be printed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 59) to amend an act entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to make certain contracts without advertising for proposals," approved August 29, 1861; and no amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 4) in relation to the free navigation of the Mississippi River; and

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 5) relative to general orders issued from the Adjutant-General's Office; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 68) to abolish all ports of delivery in the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 69) for the confiscation of the leasehold interest and shares of stock owned by the American Telegraph Company and other alien enemies in the lines of telegraph in the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 70) declaring the telegraph a part of the postal system of the Confederate States, and to provide for working the same; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 17) to aid committees of Congress in the investigation of matters referred to them, and to punish false swearing before said committees; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed, and the bill read a third time.

The said bill, as amended, was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 54) for the relief of Mrs. Laura Harper, wife of Col. R. W. Harper, commanding First Regiment of Arkansas Cavalry; and no amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 11
Nays 11

The vote having been taken by yeas and nays, conformably to the ninth section of the first article of the Constitution,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Clay, Haynes, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Peyton, Phelan, Semmes, Sparrow, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Clark, Davis, Dortch, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Orr, and Simms.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill do not pass, two-thirds of the Senators present not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Brown (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 110) to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to purchase a site for a laboratory and magazine, near the city of Richmond, for the preparation and safe-keeping of ordnance stores; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 26. An act for the assessment and collection of taxes; and

H. R. 27. An act explanatory of an act entitled "An act to authorize the President to accept and place in the service certain regiments and battalions heretofore raised," approved on the 11th day of October, 1862.

And they have refused to pass the bill of the Senate (S. 10) in relation to substitutes.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill and an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled a bill and joint resolution of the following titles:

S. 114 (of the last session). An act for the relief of certain officers of the Navy and of the Marine Corps; and

S. 10. Joint resolution authorizing the Postmaster-General to extend the time for receiving bids for transportation of the mails in the States therein named.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill and enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Davis submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That henceforward the Senate will take a recess each day from half past three o'clock until seven o'clock postmeridian.

The bills received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 26 be referred to the Committee on Finance and the bill numbered 27 to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Burnett submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That the vote on rejecting the bill (S. 54) for the relief of Mrs. Laura Harper, wife of Col. R. W. Harper, commanding First Regiment of Arkansas Cavalry, be reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Hunter, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 18) to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States, submitted a report (No. 9); which was read and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Clay, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That 250 additional copies of the said report be printed in confidence for the use of the Senate.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., April 6, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of the Navy, to be read in secret session.

I invite your especial attention to the subject he presents.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 18) to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment:
Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

That a tax of ten per centum shall be levied and collected upon the value of all naval stores, tobacco manufactured or unmanufactured, cotton, flour, sugar, rice, and other agricultural products not owned by the producers on the first day of July next, and on the value of all cotton and tobacco owned by the producers on the first day of July next, and of the growth of any year preceding the year eighteen hundred and sixty-three, a tax of five per centum; and on all moneys on hand, or on deposit on the first day of July next, a tax of one per centum: *Provided*, That all moneys owned, held, or deposited beyond the limits of the Confederate States shall be valued at the current rate of exchange in Confederate Treasury notes, and the said tax shall be assessed on the first day of July next, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable, and be collected on the first day of October next.

SEC. 2. Every person engaged or intending to engage in any business named in the fifth section of this act shall within sixty days after the passage of this act, or at the time of beginning business, and on the first day of January in each year thereafter, register with the district collector, in such form as the commissioner of taxes shall prescribe, a true account of the name and residence of each person, firm, or corporation engaged or interested in the business, with a statement of the time for which and the place and manner in which the same is to be conducted, and of all other facts going to ascertain the amount of tax upon such business for the past or the future, according to the provisions of this act. At the time of such registry there shall be paid to the collector the specific tax for the year ending on the next thirty-first of December, and such other tax as may be due upon sales or receipts in such business at the time of such registry, as herein provided; and the collector shall give to the person making such registry a copy thereof, with a receipt for the amount of tax then paid.

SEC. 3. Any person failing for ten days to make the registry, and to pay the tax required by the preceding section, shall, in addition to all other taxes upon his business imposed by this act, pay double the amount of the specific tax on such business, and a like sum for every thirty days of such failure.

SEC. 4. Except where herein otherwise provided, there shall be a separate registry and tax for each business mentioned in the fifth section of this act, and for each place of conducting the same, but no tax shall be required for the mere storage of goods at a place other than the registered place of business. Upon every change in the place of conducting a registered business, there shall be a new registry, but no additional tax shall be required. Upon the death of any person conducting a business registered and taxed as herein required, or upon the transfer of the business to another, the business shall not be subjected to any additional tax, but there shall be a new registry in the name of the person authorized by law to continue the business.

SEC. 5. That upon each trade, business, or occupation hereinafter named, the following taxes shall be levied and paid for the year ending on the thirty-first of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and for each and every year thereafter, viz:

I. Bankers shall pay five hundred dollars. Every person shall be deemed a banker within the meaning of this act who keeps a place of business where credits are opened in favor of any person, firm, or corporation, by the deposit or collection of

money or currency, and by whom the same, or any part thereof, shall be paid out or remitted upon the draft, check, or order of such creditor; but not to include any bank legally authorized to issue notes as circulation, nor agents for the sale of merchandise for account of producers or manufacturers.

II. Auctioneers shall pay fifty dollars and two and a half per centum on the gross amount of sales made: *Provided, however,* That on all sales at auction of stocks or securities for money, the tax shall be one-fourth of one per centum on the gross amount of sales. Every person shall be deemed an auctioneer, within the meaning of this act, whose occupation it is to offer property for sale to the highest or best bidder at public outcry. The tax upon the auctioneers shall be deemed a tax upon the personal privilege, to be paid by each individual engaged in the business, and without regard to the place at which the same is conducted. No tax shall be required upon auction sales made for dealers in a business registered and taxed, and at their places of business, or upon official sales at auction, made by judicial or executive officers, or by personal representatives, guardians, or committees.

III. *Wholesale dealers* in liquors of any and every description, including distilled spirits, fermented liquors, and wines of all kinds, shall pay two hundred dollars and five per centum on the gross amount of sales made. Every person, other than the distiller or brewer, who shall sell, or offer for sale, any such liquors or wines in quantities of more than three gallons at one time, to the same purchaser, shall be regarded as a wholesale dealer in liquors, within the meaning of this act. All persons who shall sell, or offer for sale, any such liquors or wines in quantities less than three gallons at one time, to the same person, shall be regarded as a retail dealer in liquors.

IV. *Retail dealers in liquor*, including distilled spirits, fermented liquors, and wines of every description, shall pay one hundred dollars and ten per centum on the gross amount of all sales made.

V. *Retail dealers* shall pay fifty dollars and two and a half per centum on the gross amount of sales made. Every person whose business or occupation it is to sell or offer to sell groceries, or any goods, wares, merchandise, or other things of foreign or domestic production, in less quantities than a whole original piece or package at one time, to the same person (not including wines, spirituous or malt liquors), shall be regarded as a retail dealer under this act: *Provided, however,* That any mechanic who shall sell only the products of the labor of himself and his own family shall be exempt from this tax.

VI. *Wholesale dealers* shall pay two hundred dollars and two and a half per centum on the gross amount of all sales made. Every person whose business or occupation it is to sell or offer to sell groceries, or any goods, wares, or merchandise of foreign or domestic production, by one or more original package or piece at one time, to the same purchaser (not including wines, spirituous or malt liquors), shall be deemed as a wholesale dealer under this act; but, having been registered as a wholesale dealer, such person may also sell, as aforesaid, as a retailer.

VII. *Pawnbrokers* shall pay two hundred dollars. Every person whose business or occupation it is to take or receive, by way of pledge, favor, or exchange, any goods, wares, or merchandise, or any kind of personal property whatever for the repayment or security of money lent thereon, shall be deemed a pawnbroker under this act.

VIII. Distillers shall pay two hundred dollars and also twenty per cent on the gross amount of all sales made. Every person or copartnership who distills or manufactures spirituous liquors for sale shall be deemed a distiller under this act: *Provided, however,* That distillers of fruit, for ninety days or less, shall pay sixty dollars and also fifty cents per gallon on the first ten gallons and two dollars per gallon on all spirits distilled beyond that quantity.

IX. *Brewers* shall pay one hundred dollars and two and a half per centum on the gross amount of sales made. Every person who manufactures fermented liquors of any name or description for sale from malt, wholly or in part, shall be deemed a brewer under this act.

X. Keepers of *hotels, inns, and taverns* shall pay twenty dollars. Every place where food and lodgings are provided for and furnished travelers and sojourners in view of payment therefor, the income of which amounts to five hundred dollars from that source, shall be regarded a hotel, inn, or tavern under this act.

XI. Keepers of *eating houses* shall pay forty dollars. Every place where food or refreshments of any kind are provided for casual visitors, and sold for consumption therein, and every boarding house in which there shall be six boarders or more shall be deemed an eating house under this act.

XII. *Brokers* shall pay two hundred dollars. Any person whose business it is to purchase and sell stocks, coined money, bank notes, or other securities for themselves

or others, or who deals in exchange relating to money, shall be deemed a broker under this act.

XIII. *Commercial brokers* shall pay *two hundred dollars* and *two and a half per centum* upon all sales made. Any person or firm, except one registered as whole-sale dealer or banker, whose business it is, as the agent of others, to purchase or sell goods or seek orders therefor in original or unbroken packages, or produce consigned by others than the producers, or to manage business matters for the owners of vessels, or for the shippers or consignors of goods, or whose business it is to purchase, rent, hire, or sell real estate or negroes, shall be deemed a commercial broker under this act.

XIV. *Tobacconists* shall pay *fifty dollars* and *two and a half per cent* on gross amount of sales. Any person whose business it is to sell at retail cigars, snuff, or tobacco in any form shall be deemed a tobacconist under this act, but registered wholesale and retail dealers shall not be taxed as tobacconists.

XV. *Theaters* shall pay *five hundred dollars* and *five per cent* on all receipts, which tax shall be paid by the owner of the building. Every edifice used for the purpose of dramatic or operatic representations, plays, or performances, and not including halls rented or used occasionally for concerts or theatrical representations, shall be regarded as a theater under this act. Each circus shall pay *one hundred dollars* and a tax of *ten dollars* for each exhibition, which tax shall be paid by the manager thereof. Every building, tent, or space, or area where feats of horsemanship or acrobatic sports are exhibited shall be regarded as a circus under this act. *Jugglers* and other persons exhibiting shows shall pay *fifty dollars*. Every person who performs by sleight of hand shall be regarded as a juggler under this act: *Provided*, That no registry made in one State shall be held to authorize exhibitions in another State, and but one registry shall be required under this act to authorize exhibitions in any one State.

XVI. *Bowling alleys* and *billiard rooms* shall pay *forty dollars* for each alley or billiard table registered, which tax shall be paid by the owner thereof. Every place or building where bowls are thrown or billiards played and open to the public with or without price shall be regarded as a bowling alley or billiard room, respectively, under this act.

XVII. *Livery stable keepers* shall pay *fifty dollars*. Any person whose occupation or business is to keep horses for hire or to let shall be regarded as a livery stable keeper under this act.

XVIII. *Cattle brokers* shall pay the sum of *fifty dollars* and two and a half per centum on the gross amount of sales made. Any person whose business it is to buy and sell and deal in cattle, horses, hogs, or sheep shall be considered a cattle broker.

XIX. *Butchers* and *bakers* shall pay the sum of *fifty dollars* and *one per centum* on the gross amount of sales made. Any person whose business it is to butcher and sell, or offer for sale, in open market or otherwise, the flesh of cattle, hogs, and sheep, shall be deemed a butcher under this act; and any person whose business it is to bake and sell, or offer for sale, bread or cakes of any description, pies and such like articles, shall be deemed a baker under this act.

XX. *Peddlers* shall pay *fifty dollars* and two and a half per cent on the gross sales. Any person, except persons engaged in peddling exclusively periodicals, books, newspapers published in the Confederate States, Bibles or religious tracts, who sells, or offers to sell, at retail, goods, wares, or other commodities, traveling with his goods from place to place, in the streets, or through different parts of the country, shall be deemed a peddler under this act: *Provided*, That any peddler who sells, or offers to sell, dry goods, foreign or domestic, by one or more original pieces or packages at one time, to the same person or persons as aforesaid, shall pay *one hundred dollars* and two and a half per cent on the gross sales; and any person who peddles jewelry shall pay *fifty dollars* and two and a half per centum on the gross sales. The tax upon peddlers shall be deemed a tax upon the personal privilege, to be paid by each individual engaged in the business, without regard to the place at which the same is conducted.

XXI. *Apothecaries* shall pay *fifty dollars* and two and a half per centum on the gross amount of sales made. Every person who keeps a shop or building where medicines are compounded or prepared, according to prescriptions of physicians, and sold, shall be regarded as an apothecary under this act.

XXII. *Photographers* shall pay the sum of *fifty dollars* and two and a half per centum on the gross amount of sales made. Any person or persons who make for sale photographs, ambrotypes, daguerreotypes, or pictures on glass, metal, paper, or other material, by the action of light, shall be regarded as a photographer under this act.

XXIII. *Lawyers* actually engaged in practice shall pay *fifty dollars*. Every person whose business it is, for fee or reward, to prosecute or defend causes in any

court of record or other judicial tribunal of the Confederate States, or of any States, or give advice in relation to causes or matters pending therein, shall be deemed to be a lawyer within the meaning of this act.

XXIV. *Physicians, surgeons, and dentists*, actually engaged in practice, shall pay *fifty* dollars. Every person whose business it is, for fee or reward, to prescribe remedies or perform surgical operations for the cure of any bodily disease or ailment, shall be deemed a physician, surgeon, or dentist within the meaning of this act, as the case may be; and the provisions of paragraph number *twenty-one* shall not extend to physicians who keep on hand medicines solely for the purpose of making up their own prescriptions for their own patients. The tax upon lawyers, physicians, surgeons, and dentists shall be deemed a tax upon the personal privilege, to be paid by each individual in the business, and without regard to the place at which the same is conducted: *Provided*, That the provisions of this act shall not apply to physicians and surgeons exclusively engaged in the Confederate service.

XXV. Confectioners shall pay *fifty* dollars and two and a half per centum on the gross amount of all sales. Every person who sells at retail confectionery, sweetmeats, comfits or other confections, in any building, shall be regarded as a confectioner under this act.

SEC. 6. And every person registered and taxed upon the gross amount of sales, as aforesaid, shall be required, on the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, to make a list or return to the collector of the district of the gross amount of such sales as aforesaid, to wit: From the first day of April to the thirtieth day of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, inclusive; and at the end of every three months, or within ten days thereafter, after the said first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, make a list or return to the collector of the district of the gross amount of such sales made, as aforesaid, with the amount of tax which has accrued or should accrue thereon, which list shall have annexed thereto a declaration under oath, or affirmation in form and manner as may be prescribed by the commissioner of taxes, that the same is true and correct, and shall at the same time, as aforesaid, pay to the collector the amount of tax thereupon, as aforesaid, and in default thereof shall pay a penalty in double the amount of the tax.

SEC. 7. That upon the salaries of all salaried persons serving in any capacity whatever, except upon the salaries of persons in the military or naval service, there shall be levied and collected a tax of one per centum on the gross amount of such salary when not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars, and *two* per centum upon any excess over that amount, to be levied and collected at the end of each year in the manner prescribed for other taxes enumerated in this act: *Provided*, That no taxes shall be imposed by virtue of this section on the salary of any person receiving a salary not exceeding one thousand dollars per annum, or at a like rate for another period of time, longer or shorter, nor of any person whose salary is prohibited to be diminished by the Constitution of the Confederate States, or of any State.

SEC. 8. That the Secretary of the Treasury shall cause to be assessed and ascertained on the first of January next, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the income and profits derived by each person, joint stock company, and corporation, from every occupation, employment, or business in which they may have been engaged, and from every investment of labor, skill, property, or money, and the income and profits derived from any other source whatever, during the calendar year preceding the said first day of January next, and the said income and profit shall be ascertained, assessed, and taxed in the manner hereinafter prescribed.

I. If the income be derived from rents of houses, lands, tenements, manufacturing or mining establishments, fixtures and machinery, mills, springs of salt or oil, or veins of coal, iron, or other minerals, there shall be deducted from the gross amount of the annual rent a sum sufficient for the necessary annual repairs, not exceeding per centum on said rent.

II. If the income be derived from any manufacturing or mining business, there shall be deducted from the gross value of the products of the year, *first*, the rent of the establishment and fixtures, if actually rented and not owned by the person prosecuting the business; *second*, the cost of the labor actually hired and paid for; *third*, the actual cost of the raw material purchased and manufactured.

III. If the income be derived from navigating enterprises, there shall be deducted from the gross earnings, including the value of freights on goods shipped by the person running the vessel, the hire of the boat or vessel, if not owned by the person running the same, or if owned by him, a reasonable allowance for the wear and tear of the same, not exceeding ten per cent per annum, and also the cost of running the boat or vessel.

IV. If the income be derived by the taxpayer from shipbuilding, there shall be deducted from the gross receipts of his occupation, including the value of the ship

when finished, if built for himself, the cost of the labor actually hired and paid by himself, and the prime cost of the materials if purchased by him.

V. If the income be derived by the taxpayer from the sale of merchandise or any other property, real or personal, there shall be deducted from the gross amount of sales the prime cost of the property sold, including the cost of transportation, salaries of clerks actually paid, and the rent of buildings employed in the business, if hired and not owned by himself.

VI. If the income be derived by the taxpayer from any other occupation, profession, employment, or business, there shall be deducted from the gross amount of fees, compensation, profits, earnings, or commissions, the salaries of clerks actually paid and the rent of the office or other building used in the business if hired and not owned by himself, the cost of labor actually paid and not owned by himself, and the cost of material other than machinery purchased for the use of his business, or to be converted into some other form in the course of his business. The income derived from all other sources shall be subject to no deduction whatever, except the interest on Confederate bonds, stocks, and call certificates, which shall be exempt from taxation. Nor shall foreigners be subject to a tax upon any other income than that derived from property owned or occupations and employments pursued by them within the Confederate States. When the income shall be thus ascertained, all of those which do not exceed five hundred dollars per annum shall be exempt from taxation. All annual incomes between five hundred dollars and fifteen hundred dollars shall pay a tax of five per cent on their amount, and all annual incomes between fifteen hundred dollars and ten thousand dollars shall pay a tax of ten per cent on their amount. All annual incomes between ten thousand dollars and fifteen thousand dollars shall pay a tax of twelve and a half per cent on their amount, and all annual incomes of more than fifteen thousand dollars shall pay a tax of fifteen per cent upon their amount. All joint stock companies and corporations shall reserve one-tenth of the annual earnings set apart for dividend and reserve fund, to be paid to the collector of the Confederate tax, and the dividend then paid to the stockholder shall not be estimated as a part of his income for the purposes of this act. The tax hereby laid shall be payable on the first of January next. All persons shall give in an estimate of their income and profits derived from any other source whatever, and in doing so shall first state the gross amount of their receipts as individuals or members of a firm or partnership, and also state particularly each item for which a deduction is to be made and the amount to be deducted for it: *Provided, however,* That the incomes and profits upon which the above tax is to be imposed shall not be deemed to include the products of land which are taxed in kind as hereinafter described: *Provided further,* That in case the annual earnings of said joint stock companies and corporations set apart as aforesaid shall give a profit of more than ten and less than twenty per cent upon their capital stock paid in, one-eighth of said sum so set apart shall be paid as a tax to the collector aforesaid, and in case said sum so set apart shall give a profit of more than twenty per cent on their capital stock paid in, one-sixth thereof shall be reserved and paid as aforesaid.

SEC. 9. That if the assessor shall be dissatisfied with the statement or estimate of income and profits derived from any source whatever, other than products in kind, which the taxpayer is required to render, or with any deduction claimed by said taxpayer, he shall select one disinterested citizen of the vicinage as a referee, and the taxpayer shall select another, and the two thus selected shall call in a third, who shall investigate and determine the facts in reference to said estimate and deductions, and fix the amount of income and profits on which the taxpayer shall be assessed, and a certificate signed by a majority of the referees shall be conclusive as to the amount of income and profits on which the taxpayer shall be assessed: *Provided,* That if any person shall fail or refuse to render the statement or estimate aforesaid, or shall fail or refuse to select a referee as aforesaid, the assessor shall select three referees, who shall fix the amount of income and profits on which the taxpayer shall be assessed from the best evidence they can obtain, and a certificate signed by a majority of said referees shall be conclusive on the taxpayer: *And provided further,* That in any case submitted to referees, if they or a majority of them shall find and certify that the statement or estimate of income and profits rendered by the taxpayer does not contain more than four-fifths of the true and real amount of his taxable income and profits, then the taxpayer, in addition to the income tax on the true amount of his income and profits ascertained and assessed by the referees, shall pay ten per centum on the amount of said income tax, and the assessor shall be entitled to one-fifth of said additional ten per centum over and above all other fees and allowances: *And provided further,* That the assessor may administer oaths to the referees, the taxpayer, and any witness before the referees in regard to said estimate, and any deduction claimed or any fact in reference thereto, in such form as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe.

SEC. 10. Each farmer and planter in the Confederate States, after reserving for his own use one hundred bushels of the corn and thirty bushels of the wheat produced in the present year, shall pay and deliver to the Confederate Government, of the products of the present year, one-tenth of the wheat, corn, oats, rye, barley, buckwheat, or rice, and of the cured hay and fodder; also, one-tenth of the sugar, molasses made of cane, cotton, wool, and tobacco; the cotton, ginned and packed, and tobacco, stemmed and packed in boxes, to be delivered by him on or before the first day of March in the next year. Each farmer or planter, after reserving twenty bushels of peas and beans, but not more than twenty bushels of both, for his own use, shall deliver to the Confederate Government for its use one-tenth of the peas, beans, and ground peas produced and gathered by him during the present year. As soon as the aforesaid crops are made ready for market the tax assessor, in case of disagreement between him and the taxpayer, shall proceed to estimate the same in the following manner: The assessor and the taxpayer shall each select a disinterested freeholder from the vicinage, who may call in a third in case of a difference of opinion, to settle the matter in dispute; or if the taxpayer neglects or refuses to select one such freeholder, the said assessor shall select two, who shall proceed to assess the crops as herein provided. If the crops are gathered, they shall ascertain the amount either by actual measurement or by computing the contents of the rooms or houses in which they are held when a correct computation is practicable by such a method, and the appraisers shall then estimate, under oath, the quantity and quality of said crops, including what may have been sold or consumed by the producer prior to said estimate, whether gathered or not, and the value of the portion thereof to which the Government is entitled, and shall give a written statement of this estimate to the said collector and a copy of the same to the producer. The said producer shall be required to deliver the articles thus described within two months from the time they have been estimated as aforesaid at some depot not more than eight miles from the place of production, in merchantable order, and if not delivered by that time in such order he shall be liable to pay twenty per cent more than the estimated value of the portion aforesaid, to be collected by the tax collector as hereinafter prescribed. The said estimate shall be conclusive evidence of the amount in money of tax due by the producer to the Government, and the collector is hereby authorized to proceed to collect the same by issuing a warrant of distress from his office under his signature in the nature of a writ *fiery facias*, and by virtue of the same to seize and sell any personal property on the premises of the taxpayer or elsewhere belonging to him, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of paying the tax and the additional twenty per cent aforesaid and costs; and said sale shall be made in the manner and form and after the notice required by the laws of the several States for judicial sales of personal property, and the said warrant of distress may be executed by the tax collector or any deputy by him appointed for that purpose, and the deputy executing the warrant shall be entitled to the same fees as are allowed in the respective States to sheriffs executing writs of *fiery facias*, said fees to be paid as costs by the taxpayer: *Provided*, That in all cases where the assessor and the taxpayer agree on the assessment of the crops and the value of the portion thereof to which the Government is entitled, no other assessment shall be necessary, but the estimate agreed on shall be reduced to writing and signed by the assessor and taxpayer and have the same force and effect as the assessment and estimate of disinterested freeholders hereinbefore mentioned, and two copies of such assessment and estimate thus agreed on and signed as aforesaid shall be made and one delivered to the producer and the other to the collector: *And provided further*, That the assessor is hereby authorized to administer oaths to the taxpayers and to witnesses in regard to any item of the estimate herein required to be made: *And provided further*, When agricultural produce in kind is paid for taxes, if payment be made by a tenant who is bound to pay his rent in kind, the tenth part of said rent in kind shall be paid in kind by the tenant to the Government as and for the tax of the lessor on said rent, and the receipt of the Government officer shall release the lessor from all obligation to include said rent in kind in his statement of income and discharge the tenant from so much of his rent to the lessor.

SEC. 11. That every farmer, planter, or grazier shall exhibit to the assessor, on or before the first of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, an account of all the hogs he may have slaughtered since the passage of this act and before that time; after the delivery of this estimate to the post quartermaster hereinafter mentioned, by the assessor, the said farmer, planter, or grazier shall deliver an equivalent for one-tenth of the same in cured bacon, at the rate of seventy pounds of bacon to the one hundred weight of pork, for which he shall receive the value of four bushels of corn for every one hundred pounds of pork which he may have thus contributed by way of tithe, and also the price paid by him for the salt used in curing the same, at

the rate of one bushel for each one thousand weight of pork, and also one-tenth of any money which he may have paid for the purchase of the swine thus fattened and slaughtered. That on the first of November next, and each year thereafter, an estimate shall be made as hereinbefore provided of the value of all the neat cattle, horses, mules, and asses owned by each person in the Confederate States, and upon such value the said owners shall be taxed one per cent, to be paid on or before the first day of January next ensuing. If the grazier, or planter, or farmer shall have sold beeves since the passage of this act, and prior to the first day of November, the gross proceeds of such sales shall be estimated and taxed as income after deducting therefrom the money actually paid for the purchase of such beeves, if they have been actually purchased, and the value of the corn consumed by them. The estimate of these items shall be made in case of disagreement between the assessor and taxpayer as herein prescribed in other cases of income tax; and on each succeeding first day of November, the beeves sold during the preceding twelve months shall be estimated and taxed in the same manner.

SEC. 12. That the Secretary of War shall divide the service of the Quartermaster's Department into two branches, one for the collection of the articles paid for taxes in kind, herein denominated post quartermaster, and the other for distribution to the proper points for supplying the Army, and for delivering cotton and tobacco to the agents of the Secretary of the Treasury. The tax assessor shall transfer the estimate of articles due from each person, by way of a tax in kind, to the duly authorized post quartermaster, taking from the said quartermaster a receipt which shall be filed as a voucher with the chief collector in settling his account, and a copy of this receipt shall be furnished by the chief collector to the auditor, settling the post quartermaster's account as a charge against him. The post quartermaster receiving the estimate shall collect from the taxpayer the articles which it specifies, and which he is bound to pay, and deliver as a tax to the Confederate Government. The post quartermaster shall be liable for the safe custody of the articles placed in his care, and shall account for the same, by showing that, after proper deductions for unavoidable loss, the residue has been delivered to the distributing agents as evidenced by their receipts. The said post quartermaster shall also state the accounts of the quartermasters receiving from him the articles delivered in payment of taxes in kind at his depot, and make a monthly report of the same to such officer as the Secretary of War may designate: *Provided*, That in case the post quartermaster shall be unable to collect the tax in kind, specified in the estimate delivered to him as aforesaid, he shall deliver to the district tax collector said estimate as a basis for the distress warrant authorized to be issued, and take a receipt therefor, and forward the same to the chief tax collector as a credit in the statement of the accounts of said post quartermaster: *Provided*, That any partial payment of said tax in kind shall be indorsed on said estimate before delivering the same to the district tax collector as aforesaid, and the receipt given to him therefor by the district tax collector shall specify said partial payment. When the articles thus collected through the payment of taxes in kind have been received at the depot as aforesaid, they shall be distributed to the agents of the Secretary of the Treasury, if they consist of cotton, wool, or tobacco, or to such places, if they be suitable for forage or subsistence, and in such manner as the Secretary of War may prescribe. Should the Secretary of War find that some of the agricultural produce thus paid in and suitable for forage and subsistence has been deposited in places where it can not be used either directly or indirectly for these purposes, he shall cause the same to be sold in such manner as he may prescribe, and the proceeds of such sale shall be paid into the Treasury of the Confederate States. Should, however, the Secretary of War notify the Secretary of the Treasury that it would be impracticable for him to collect or use the articles taxed in kind, to be received in certain districts or localities, then the Secretary of the Treasury shall proceed to collect in said districts or localities the money value of said articles specified in said estimate, and said money value shall be due on the first day of January in each and every year, and be collected as soon thereafter as practicable.

SEC. 13. That the estimates of income and profits, other than those payable in kind, and the statements or bills for the amount of the specific tax on occupations, employments, business, and professions, and of taxes on gross sales shall be delivered by the assessor to the collector of the district, who shall give him a receipt for the same, and the said assessor shall file his receipt with the chief tax collector of the State, and the collector of the district, holding said estimates, statements, or bills, shall proceed to collect the same from the taxpayer. The money thus collected shall be paid to the chief tax collector of the State, accompanied by the estimates, statements, or bills aforesaid, delivered by the assessor to the district collector as aforesaid.

SEC. 14. That every person who as trustee, guardian, tutor, curator or committee, executor or administrator, or as agent, attorney in fact or factor, of any person or

persons, whether residing in the Confederate States or not, and every receiver in chancery, clerk, register, or other officer of any court, shall be answerable for the doing of all such acts, matters, and things as shall be required to be done in order to the assessment of the money, property, products, and income under their control and the payment of taxes thereon, and shall be indemnified against all and every person for all payments on account of the taxes herein specified, and shall be responsible for all taxes due from the estates, income, money, or property in their possession or under their control.

SEC. 15. The income and moneys of hospitals, churches, schools, and colleges which have been endowed shall be exempt from taxation under the provisions of this act.

SEC. 16. This act shall be in force for two years after the expiration of the present year, and the taxes herein imposed for the present year shall be levied and collected each year thereafter in the manner and form herein prescribed, and for the said time of two years unless this act shall be sooner repealed,

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the reported amendment by striking out "ten," section 1, line 1, and inserting "twenty,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the reported amendment by striking out "ten," section 1, line 1, and inserting "fifteen,"

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	11
	{ Nays	11

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,
Messrs. Caperton, Clark, Clay, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Johnson of Georgia, Mitchel, Orr, Peyton, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Burnett, Davis, Hill, Hunter, Maxwell, Oldham, Phelan, Semmes, and Sparrow.

On motion by Mr. Clay, to amend the reported amendment by striking out "ten," section 1, line 1, and inserting "twelve and one-half,"

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	11
	{ Nays	11

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,
Messrs. Caperton, Clark, Clay, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Johnson of Georgia, Mitchel, Orr, Peyton, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Burnett, Davis, Hill, Hunter, Maxwell, Oldham, Phelan, Semmes, and Sparrow.

On motion by Mr. Oldham, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "cotton," where it occurs in the third and fifth lines of the first section, the word "wool,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "next," section 1, line 4,

excepting such articles as may then be held for family use, and not for sale, which fact may be determined by the oath of the taxpayer. The assessor, however, may, if in his opinion circumstances require it, take evidence as to the fact whether said article or articles are held solely for family use; and upon the value of all said articles held for family use on the first day of July next, a tax of five per cent,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Baker, to amend the reported amendment by striking out "naval stores," section 1, line 2,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "all," section 1, line 5, "naval stores,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the reported amendment by inserting at the end of the first section:

Upon the value of all articles of agricultural or manufacturing production which shall be held by the producer or manufacturer for six months or more from the time of their production or manufacture, a tax of ten per centum shall be levied and collected, and upon the value of all such articles held by persons other than the producer or manufacturer six months or more after their purchase by him, after the first of July next, a tax of ten per centum shall be taxed and levied—the fact as to the time of said purchase to be ascertained by the oath of the person so holding the same,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ----- 8
Nays ----- 16

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Clark, Clay, Dortch, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Peyton, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Davis, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Orr, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, and Sparrow.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "sugar," section 1, line 3, "molasses, sirup,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Clay, to amend the reported amendment by striking out "one," section 1, line 9, and inserting "two,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "next," section 1, line 14, "as soon thereafter as may be practicable,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Caperton, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "stores," section 1, line 2, the word "salt,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, April 3, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Richmond, March 24, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

OFFICERS, UNDER ACT APPROVED OCTOBER 11, 1862.

Captains.

W. J. Robinson, of Virginia, to be captain of cavalry, to raise a company of cavalry in the district of northwest Virginia, occupied by the enemy, to rank from February 23, 1863.

Samuel G. Beltzhoover, of Missouri, to be captain, to raise a company in Missouri, to rank from March 20, 1863.

OFFICERS, UNDER ACT APPROVED OCTOBER 13, 1863.

Captains.

Lieut. F. Voigt, of Texas, Company G, Eighth Texas Regiment, to be captain Company B, same regiment, vice Capt. J. N. Lewelling, resigned December 30, 1862.

Lieut. John M. Payne, of Virginia, Company B, First Virginia Battalion, to be captain Company K, Forty-eighth Virginia Regiment, to rank February 14, 1863.

William Collins, of Virginia, to be captain Company H, Third Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank March 2, 1863.

Lieut. William C. Lord, of North Carolina, Seventh North Carolina Regiment, to be captain Company A, Fifty-seventh North Carolina Regiment, vice Capt. J. H. Sloan, died December 15, 1862.

First Lieutenant.

Charles R. Skinker, of Virginia, to be first lieutenant Company K, Forty-eighth Virginia Regiment, to rank February 14, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

RICHMOND, *March 24, 1863.*

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Second Lieutenants.

George D. Farrar, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant, First Regiment Louisiana Artillery, February 27, 1863.

A. L. Slack, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant, First Regiment Louisiana Artillery, March 3, 1863.

James McConnell, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant, First Regiment Louisiana Artillery, March 6, 1863.

L. Cecil Berrien, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), February 19, 1863.

John P. Fort, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant, First Georgia Regiment Regulars, March 14, 1863.

Robert F. Dancy, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant, First Georgia Regiment Regulars, March 13, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

RICHMOND, *March 2, 1863.*

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Captains.

William C. Preston, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, to rank from August 15, 1861.

J. G. King, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, to rank from October 14, 1861.

H. S. Farley, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, to rank from October 14, 1861.

W. H. Peronneau, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, to rank from October 31, 1861.

F. H. Harleston, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, to rank from January 1, 1862.

D. G. Fleming, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, to rank from January 1, 1862.

J. C. Mitchel, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, to rank from March 25, 1862.

First lieutenants.

S. R. Proctor, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Battalion Sharpshooters, October 30, 1862.

F. D. Blake, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, July 6, 1861.

Henry R. Lescne, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, August 2, 1861.

A. S. Gaillard, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, October 14, 1861.

McMillan King, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, October 14, 1861.

Julius M. Rhett, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, October 14, 1861.

J. J. Alston, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, October 31, 1861.

E. P. Ravenel, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, October 31, 1861.

Charles Inglesby, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, December 21, 1861.

J. R. Pringle, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, January 1, 1862.

W. E. Erwin, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, January 2, 1863.

Edward Lowndes, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, January 2, 1862.

K. Kemper, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment Artillery, January 2, 1862.

Second lieutenants.

Richard H. Clarke, of Alabama, for duty with First Alabama Battalion Artillery, October 3, 1862.

W. A. Anderson, of Alabama, for duty with First Alabama Battalion Artillery, October 8, 1862.

John M. Battle, of Alabama, for duty with First Alabama Battalion Artillery, September 8, 1862.

J. F. Griffin, of Alabama, for duty with First Alabama Battalion Artillery, December 8, 1862.

T. B. Crooker, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Battalion Sharpshooters, October 18, 1862.

Theodore H. Coe, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Battalion Sharpshooters, October 13, 1862.

Waddy T. Means, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), October 3, 1862.

W. V. Martin, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), August 21, 1862.

Edward North, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), November 10, 1862.

F. J. Moses, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), November 12, 1862.

Thomas P. Mikell, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), November 10, 1862.

Thomas Williams, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), November 10, 1862.

J. C. Minott, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), November 10, 1862.

George Gourdin, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), November 10, 1862.

Edward Mathewes, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), November 10, 1862.

R. R. Singleton, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), December 1, 1862.

G. W. Marshall, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), December 2, 1862.

E. J. Simkins, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), August 5, 1862.

C. Clemson, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), March 2, 1862.

T. D. Scott, of Louisiana, for duty with First Louisiana Regiment Artillery, October 22, 1862.

N. S. Key, of Louisiana, for duty with First Louisiana Regiment Artillery, October 1, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

RICHMOND, *March 2, 1863.*

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

OFFICERS APPOINTED TO RAISE TROOPS, UNDER ACT APPROVED OCTOBER 11, 1862.

Colonels.

T. J. Freeman, of Tennessee, to be colonel, to raise a regiment in West Tennessee, to rank December 23, 1862.

B. M. Anderson, of Kentucky, to be colonel, to raise a regiment in Kentucky, to rank December 23, 1862.

Lieutenant-colonel.

J. T. Cearnal, to be lieutenant-colonel, to raise a battalion in Missouri, December 10, 1862.

Majors.

Richard Gaines, of Missouri, to be major, to raise a battalion in Missouri, December 10, 1862.

J. P. Thompson, of Kentucky, to be major of cavalry, to raise a battalion of cavalry in Kentucky, January 7, 1863.

Captains.

V. C. Cooke, of Missouri, to be captain, to raise company in Missouri, December 11, 1862.

E. Eastman, of Kentucky, to be captain of artillery, to raise an artillery company in Kentucky, December 16, 1862.

S. A. Doran, of Kentucky, to be captain, to raise a company in Kentucky, January 15, 1863.

First lieutenant.

W. M. Magenis, of Kentucky, to be first lieutenant, to raise men in Kentucky, December 23, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

RICHMOND, March 2, 1863.

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ENGINEERS.

Majors.

A. L. Rives, of Virginia, to report to Colonel Gilmer, Chief Engineer Bureau, September 23, 1862.

D. B. Harris, of Virginia, to report to Colonel Gilmer, Chief Engineer Bureau, October 3, 1862.

James Nocquet, of Kentucky, to report to Colonel Gilmer, Chief Engineer Bureau, October 4, 1862.

Captains.

J. K. Boswell, of Virginia, to report to Colonel Gilmer, Chief Engineer Bureau, September 29, 1862.

C. T. Mason, of Virginia, to report to Colonel Gilmer, Chief Engineer Bureau, October 1, 1862.

J. W. Green, of Louisiana, to report to Colonel Gilmer, Chief Engineer Bureau, October 2, 1862.

C. R. Howard, of Virginia, to report to Colonel Gilmer, Chief Engineer Bureau, October 3, 1862.

H. B. Richardson, of Louisiana, to report to Colonel Gilmer, Chief Engineer Bureau, October 4, 1862.

F. Girard, of Texas, to report to Colonel Gilmer, Chief of Engineer Bureau, October 23, 1862.

W. H. James, of Florida, to report to Colonel Gilmer, Chief Engineer Bureau, November 13, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

RICHMOND, April 6, 1863.

To the President of the Senate:

I nominate the person named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, Richmond, April 4, 1863.

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Navy:

Lieutenant for the war.

Leon Smith, of Texas.

With much respect, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Semmes (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 111) to authorize the issue of eight per cent bonds or certificates of stock in certain cases; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Davis on yesterday, for a daily recess of the Senate from half past 3 until 7 o'clock p. m.; and

The resolution was not agreed to.

Mr. Henry (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 12) relative to the navigation of the Mississippi River; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 112) to facilitate transportation for the Government; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of a communication from the Attorney-General, transmitting reports upon certain claims on file in the Department of Justice.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 100) to amend an act to establish the Bureau of Indian Affairs, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 100) last mentioned; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read ~~the~~ third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives insist on their amendment to the bill of the Senate (S. 97) to exempt contractors for carrying the mails of the Confederate States and the drivers of post coaches and hacks from military service, agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and have appointed Mr. Chilton of Alabama, Mr. Holt of Georgia, and Mr. Atkins of Tennessee as managers on their part at said conference.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 2d instant, approved and signed the following acts:

S. 12. An act to provide for continuing in service seamen and ordinary seamen now in the service of the Confederate States;

S. 48. An act to authorize the discharge of certain civil officers from the military service of the Confederate States; and

S. 51. An act to alter and amend an act entitled "An act for the sequestration of the estates, property, and effects of alien enemies, and for indemnity of citizens of the Confederate States and persons aiding the same in the existing war with the United States," approved August 30, 1861, and an act altering and amending the same, approved on the 15th day of February, 1862.

On the 4th instant the President approved and signed the following acts:

S. 25. An act to change the title of engineers in the Navy;

S. 49. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to employ the best pilots for service in the Confederate Marine; and

S. 60. An act to authorize the appointment of a register and an additional clerk and a draftsman for the Navy Department.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Clay submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That the vote on passing the bill (H. R. 17) to aid committees of Congress in the investigation of matters referred to them, and to punish false swearing before said committees, be reconsidered.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President be, and he is hereby, requested to communicate to the Senate, in secret session, at as early a day as practicable, any information in possession of the Government relating to the sale or hypothecation of cotton, or cotton certificates or bonds, in Europe, stating the amount of cotton so sold or hypothecated, and the prices and the terms upon which cotton bonds may have been sold; and, specially, what amounts of cotton, acquired under the act entitled "An act to authorize the exchange of articles in kind," etc., approved April twenty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, have been sold, to what market, for what price, and on what terms; and what is the probable limit, if any, to which sales of cotton may be effected if the cotton is accumulated in greater quantities.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 18) to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States.

Mr. Barnwell submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That the vote on agreeing to the following amendment, viz: Section 1, line 9, strike out "one" and insert "two," be reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Clark, to amend the amendment reported by the Committee on Finance by inserting after "That," section 1, line 1, the words "a tax of one-half of one per cent upon the value of all land and slaves be levied and collected,"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ----- 6
Nays ----- 18

On motion by Mr. Clark,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Clark, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Peyton, and Phelan.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Burnett, Caperton, Clay, Davis, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, Sparrow, Wigfall, and Yancey.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, that the vote on rejecting the following

amendment, viz: Section 1, line 1, strike out "ten" and insert "fifteen," be reconsidered,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas----- 13
Nays ----- 11

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Clark, Clay, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, Peyton, Wigfall, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Burnett, Davis, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Phelan, Semmes, and Sparrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said amendment; and

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas----- 13
Nays ----- 12

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Clark, Clay, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, Peyton, Simms, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Burnett, Davis, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Phelan, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "salt," section 1, line 2, "wines and spirituous liquors,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Henry, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "next," section 1, line 9, "and on all credits on which the holder has refused to receive Treasury notes in payment,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Clay, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "moneys," section 1, line 8, "Confederate or State treasury notes, bank notes, or other currency,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the reported amendment by striking out, section 3, line 1, the words "for ten days,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Caperton, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "made," section 5, line 15, "except upon sales of land and slaves; and upon such sales, one per centum on the gross amount,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Simms, to amend the reported amendment by striking out "two and a half," section 5, lines 53 and 54, and inserting "five,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Dortch, to amend the reported amendment by striking out "sixty," section 5, line 73, and inserting "twenty-five,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Clay, to amend the reported amendment by striking out "twenty," section 5, line 81, and inserting "forty,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "act," section 5, line 90, "persons who let rooms for lodging shall pay twenty dollars,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, to amend the reported amendment by striking out "and," section 5, line 81, and inserting after "taverns," in the same line, "and boarding houses;" by inserting after "sojourners," in the eighty-third line of the same section, "or boarders," and by striking out "or," line 85, and inserting after "tavern," in the same line, "or boarding house,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the reported amendment by striking out, section 5, lines 84 and 85, the words "the income of which amounts to five hundred dollars from that source,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the reported amendment by striking out, section 5, lines 88 and 89, the words "and every boarding house in which there shall be six boarders or more,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Caperton, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "made," section 5, line 97, the words "every agent engaged in the business of selling slaves at private sale shall pay fifty dollars and one per centum on the gross amount of the receipts realized,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, the Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Clay (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 113) to provide for the completion of the printing of 3,000 copies of the Provisional and Permanent Constitutions, and of the public acts and resolutions and treaties of the Provisional Government of the Confederate States; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Baker submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire whether any further legislation is necessary to regulate the distribution of prize money in the Navy.

Mr. Orr, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 23) to amend an act entitled "An act to organize the Department of State," approved February 21, 1861, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom were referred the following bills:

S. 106. A bill to create a provisional navy of the Confederate States; and

S. 110. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to purchase a site for a laboratory and magazine, near the city of Richmond, for the preparation and safe-keeping of ordnance stores;

reported them severally with the recommendation that they ought not to pass.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 21) to amend an act entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to make certain contracts without advertising for proposals," approved August 29, 1861, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 21) last mentioned; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom were referred the following bills:

S. 107. A bill to provide for the transfer of persons serving in the Army to the Navy; and

S. 108. A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate impressments," approved March 26, 1863; reported them severally, without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bills last mentioned; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in said bills.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 28. An act to increase the pay of all noncommissioned officers and privates in the Army of the Confederate States;

H. R. 29. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to secure copyrights to authors and composers," approved May 21, 1861; and

H. R. 30. An act to punish forgery and counterfeiting.

The House of Representatives have refused, upon reconsideration, to pass the bill of the Senate (S. 36) to increase the strength and efficiency of heavy artillery for sea-coast defense, returned by the President with his objections.

Mr. Phelan, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the bill (S. 75) to provide for having the laws relating to military and naval affairs digested and published, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 75) last mentioned; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bills received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 28 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and that the bills numbered 29 and 30 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by Mr. Clay on yesterday, to reconsider the vote on passing the bill (H. R. 17) to aid committees of Congress in the investigation of matters referred to them, and to punish false swearing before said committees; and

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill; and

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 27) defining who shall be exempt from military service in the armies of the Confederate States, with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 27) last mentioned; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Resolved, That the Senate disagree to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the said bill, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Sparrow, Mr. Phelan, and Mr. Mitchel were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas gave notice of his intention to offer an amendment to the bill (S. 21) for the condemnation to public use of all cotton within the Confederate States, providing for the payment thereof, and for other purposes; which was ordered to be printed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 18) to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the amendment reported by the Committee on Finance by striking out "and," section 5, line 143, and inserting "or,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Simms, to amend the reported amendment by striking out, section 5, lines 140 and 141, the words "and one per centum on the gross amount of sales made,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Davis, to amend the reported amendment by striking out, section 5, lines 145 and 146, the words "or cakes of any description, pies and such like articles,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Simms, to amend the reported amendment by striking out, section 6, line 5, the words "first day of April" and inserting "the passage of this act,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the reported amendment by striking out, section 7, lines 11, 12, and 13, the words "nor of any person whose salary is prohibited to be diminished by the Constitution of the Confederate States, or of any State,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "military," section 7, line 3, the words "service, below the rank of colonel,"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas----- 9
Nays----- 16

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Clay, Dortch, Haynes, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Oldham, Simms, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Davis, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Orr, Peyton, Phelan, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "service," section 7, line 3, the words "below the rank of captain,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Davis, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "military," section 7, line 3, the words "service in the field,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "military," section 7, line 3, the words "service, below the rank of brigadier-general,"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas----- 8
Nays----- 17

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Clay, Dortch, Haynes, Johnson of Arkansas, Oldham, Simms, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Davis, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Orr, Peyton, Phelan, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the reported amendment by filling the blank in the sixteenth line of the eighth section with "ten,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "rent," section 8, line 16, the words "except that the rent derived from houses shall be subject to a deduction of not exceeding five per cent for annual repairs,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Simms, to amend the reported amendment by striking out, section 8, lines 52 and 53, the words "whatever, except the interest on Confederate bonds, stocks, and call certificates, which shall be exempt from taxation,"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 9
Nays 15

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Clark, Clay, Henry, Hill, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Phelan, and Simms.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Hunter, Orr, Peyton, Semmes, Sparrow, Wigfall, and Yancey.

On motion by Mr. Davis, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "business," section 8, line 50, the words "and in case of mutual insurance companies, the amount of losses paid by them during the year,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the reported amendment by striking out, section 8, lines 78, 79, 80, and 81, the words

That the incomes and profits upon which the above tax is to be imposed shall not be deemed to include the products of land which are taxed in kind as hereinafter described,

and inserting:

That the incomes and profits of farmers and planters derived from the nine-tenths of the wheat, corn, oats, rye, barley, buckwheat, hay, fodder, sugar, cotton, wool, tobacco, peas, ground peas, beans, pork, or bacon, left in the hands of said farmers and planters, after deducting the one-tenth hereafter required to be paid in kind to the Government, and of the horses, mules, and asses, by persons raising the same, herein taxed, are hereby excepted from any other tax under this act,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the reported amendment by striking out the word "annual," where it occurs in the fifty-ninth, sixty-first, sixty-third, and sixty-fifth lines of the eighth section, and inserting after the word "incomes," where it occurs in the same lines, "received during the year,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Dortch, to amend the reported amendment by inserting the following independent section:

SEC. —. That in addition to the other taxes imposed in this act, there shall be levied and collected, on the first day of July next, on the gross income of the calendar year preceding, the following, viz: On all persons, companies, and corporations who have been engaged in buying and selling, for speculation, and not as grocers or provision dealers in regular business, corn, wheat, flour, bacon, pork, and beef, a tax of twenty per centum,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 10
Nays 14

On motion by Mr. Dortch,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Clark, Clay, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Mitchel, Peyton, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Davis, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Hunter, to amend the proposed amendment by striking out "stemmed," section 10, line 9, and inserting "stripped,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "packed," section 10, line 8, the words "in some secure manner,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

An amendment having been proposed to the reported amendment by Mr. Johnson of Georgia,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the nominations of Sidney H. McAdam and Leon Smith, to be lieutenants for the war; J. Campbell Murdoch and Samuel M. Roberts, to be second lieutenants in the Marine Corps, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to their respective nominations by the President.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 31) to provide for the relief of officers and soldiers who have been irregularly introduced into the military service of the Confederate States; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And they have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 98) in relation to the public printing, with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Mitchel submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to furnish to the Senate, in secret session, at as early a day as practicable, so far as may be in the power of the War Department at this time, a statement of the troops in the Trans-Mississippi Department, showing the divisions, brigades, regiments, battalions, batteries, and independent companies, the strength of each and the aggregate of the whole, with the State from which each comes; also the amount of ordnance, with their class and size; also the extent of deficiencies, if any are stated, of small arms, ammunition, ordnance stores, or clothing of any class.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the same by striking out the words "Secretary of War be directed to furnish" and inserting "President be requested to cause to be furnished,"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ----- 19
Nays ----- 6

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,
The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,
Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Caperton, Clay, Davis, Dortch, Haynes,
Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr,
Phelan, Semmes, Sparrow, Wigfall, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,
Messrs. Baker, Brown, Clark, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, and
Peyton.

The resolution as amended was then agreed to.

Mr. Brown presented the petition of third assistant engineers in the Confederate States Navy, praying for an increase of their annual pay; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 114) to confer upon the Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance the rank, pay, and emoluments of a brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States;
which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 43) for the relief of the Brunswick and Albany Railroad Company.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

H. R. 7. An act to prohibit the punishment of soldiers by whipping; and

H. R. 10. An act to allow minors to hold commissions in the Army.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Clark,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 18) to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, to amend the amendment reported by the Committee on Finance by inserting after "prescribed," section 10, line 40, the words

Provided, That the Government shall be bound to furnish to the producer sacks for the delivery of such articles of grain as require to be put in sacks for transportation,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the reported amendment by striking out, section 10, lines 36 and 37, the words "in merchantable order,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the reported amendment by striking out the words "articles thus described," section 10, line 34, and inserting:

wheat, corn, oats, rye, barley, buckwheat, rice, peas, beans, cured hay and fodder, sugar, molasses of cane, wool, and tobacco, thus to be paid as a tithe in kind, in such form and ordinary marketable condition as may be usual in the section in which they are to be delivered, and the cotton in such manner as hereinbefore provided,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Caperton, to amend the reported amendment by inserting before "fodder," section 10, line 6, "stripped,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Clay, to reconsider the vote on agreeing to the last-mentioned amendment,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said amendment; and

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "fodder," section 10, line 6, the words "which fodder, due under this act, shall be stripped from the stalk by the producer,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the reported amendment by striking out the word "twenty," where it occurs in the thirty-eighth and forty-eighth lines of the tenth section, and inserting "fifty,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the reported amendment by striking out, section 11, lines 9, 10, and 11, the words "four bushels of corn for every one hundred pounds of pork which he may have thus contributed by way of tithe" and inserting:

the corn or other grain or provisions named in section ten which may have been used in the feeding of said pork, in a deduction to be made from the tithe of said articles which he is required to pay; and if the assessor and taxpayer disagree, the same means of ascertaining the amount to be allowed shall be resorted to as is provided in section ten in case of disagreement as to amount of crops raised,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	3
	{ Nays	20

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Clay, Mitchel, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Caperton, Clark, Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Peyton, Phelan, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the reported amendment by striking out "seventy," section 11, line 8, and inserting "sixty," and by striking out, in the ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth lines of the same section, the words

for which he shall receive the value of four bushels of corn for every one hundred pounds of pork which he may have thus contributed by way of tithe, and also the

price paid by him for the salt used in curing the same, at the rate of one bushel for each one thousand weight of pork, and also one-tenth of any money which he may have paid for the purchase of the swine thus fattened and slaughtered,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the reported amendment by inserting after "pork," section 11, line 9, the following proviso:

Provided, That the farmer, planter, or grazier shall be paid by the Confederate Government one-tenth of any moneys which he may have paid for the purchase of the swine thus fattened and slaughtered, if actually produced by him,

It was determined in the negative, {	Yeas	2
	Nays	21

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Haynes and Hunter.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Brown, Caperton, Clark, Clay, Davis, Dortch, Henry, Hill, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, Peyton, Phelan, Semmes, Sparrow, Wigfall, and Yancey.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the reported amendment by inserting the following independent section:

SEC. —. That from and after the first day of July next, when any sale of provisions, or of forage, or of articles of manufacture used in making clothing, shall be made, if by the producer or manufacturer, he shall make a written statement of the kind and quality of articles so sold, to whom and when sold, at what price, and that he was the producer or manufacturer of the same, and shall make affidavit thereto and deliver the same to the purchaser when the articles sold exceed in value the sum of fifty dollars; and whenever thereafter said articles, or any part thereof, shall be sold, at each sale said seller shall make a written statement to which he shall make affidavit, and which he shall deliver to the buyer, describing the kind and quantity so sold, of what price, the date of said sale, and from whom they were purchased, and whether said sale is the first, second, or what number, as the case may be, since the sale by the producer or manufacturer; and the taxpayer shall make a written affidavit, and deliver the same to the assessor, stating the number of sales which had been made of said articles previous to the sale by him, as ascertained by the affidavit which had been made and delivered to him by his vendor, as above required; and upon all income derived by reason of the sale of said property there shall be paid by the second purchaser and seller thereof a tax of ten per centum, and upon every additional sale thereof there shall be paid by the seller thereof an additional tax of five per centum, to wit, by the third seller a tax of fifteen per centum; by the fourth seller a tax of twenty per centum; and so on as often as said property shall be sold: *Provided*, That this provision shall not apply to persons who shall be registered as retail dealers and who sell said articles at retail: *And provided further*, That in the event of the failure or refusal of the taxpayer to make the affidavit required, the income of said taxpayer, to be ascertained under the eighth section of this act, shall be taxed fifty per centum: *And provided further*, That in the event any of the persons who are required by this section to make an affidavit and to pay a tax on income from a sale under its operations shall fail or refuse to make the affidavit required, he shall pay a penalty in double the amount of the tax required to be paid; and in the event of the failure or refusal by the producer, manufacturer, or person to whom either may have sold to make the affidavit required, he shall pay a penalty of five per centum of the value of the property sold by him,

It was determined in the negative, {	Yeas	4
	Nays	17

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Clark, Dortch, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Clay, Davis, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, Peyton, Phelan, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the reported amendment by inserting the following independent section:

SEC. 16. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to make all rules and regulations necessary to the operation of this act and not inconsistent herewith,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the reported amendment by inserting at the end of the sixteenth section the following proviso:

Provided, That the tax on naval stores, flour, wool, cotton, tobacco, and other agricultural products of the growth of any year preceding the year eighteen hundred and sixty-three, imposed in the first section of this act, shall be levied and collected only for the present year,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, to amend the reported amendment by striking out of the eighth section the words

All incomes received during the year, between five hundred dollars and fifteen hundred dollars, shall pay a tax of five per cent on their amount; and all incomes received during the year, between fifteen hundred dollars and ten thousand dollars, shall pay a tax of ten per cent on their amount. All incomes received during the year, between ten thousand dollars and fifteen thousand dollars, shall pay a tax of twelve and a half per cent on their amount; and all incomes received during the year, of more than fifteen thousand dollars, shall pay a tax of fifteen per centum upon their amount,

and inserting in lieu thereof the words

All incomes received during the year, amounting to fifteen hundred dollars, shall pay a tax of five per cent; all incomes received during the year, exceeding fifteen hundred dollars and not over ten thousand dollars, shall pay a tax of ten per cent on such excess; all incomes received during the year, exceeding ten thousand dollars and not over fifteen thousand dollars, shall pay a tax of twelve and a half per cent on such excess; and all incomes received during the year, exceeding fifteen thousand dollars, shall pay a tax of fifteen per cent on such excess, it being intended hereby that, except as to the excess in each instance, there shall be paid a tax according to the foregoing graduation,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Clark, to amend the reported amendment by inserting the following independent section:

SEC. —. That a tax of one dollar be levied and collected from every person exempted from military duty by the several laws now in force: *Provided*, That such persons be able-bodied and within the conscript age,

It was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the amendment reported by the Committee on Finance, as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment made as in Committee of the Whole was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

On motion by Mr. Clay, that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the report (No. 9) of the Committee of Finance on the bill (H. R. 18) to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Oldham, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (S. 97) to exempt contractors for carrying the mails of the Confederate States and the drivers of post coaches and hacks from military service, reported

That they had met the committee on the part of the House of Representatives, and, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows, viz:

That the Senate do agree to the amendment of the House, with the following amendment, to wit, so as to make said amendment read as follows: "And no contractor, on any route of less than ten miles in length, and on which the mail is carried on horse, shall be exempt under this act."

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

Resolved, That they concur therein, and that the bill be amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Semmes submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire whether any further legislation be required to restrain and punish military officers who may resist or interfere with the execution of civil judicial process.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 111) to authorize the issue of eight per cent bonds or certificates of stock in certain cases, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 111) last mentioned; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was recommitted the bill (H. R. 12) for the relief of certain officers and soldiers from the State of Missouri, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H. R. 12) last mentioned; which was again read the second time and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was recommended the bill (H. R. 17) to aid committees of Congress in the investigation of matters referred to them, and to punish false swearing before said committees, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H. R. 17) last mentioned; which was again read the second time and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 24) to repeal the laws of naturalization, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 29) to amend an act entitled "An act to secure copyrights to authors and composers," approved May 21, 1861, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 29) last mentioned; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The following bills received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times:

H. R. 31. A bill to provide for the relief of officers and soldiers who have been irregularly introduced into the military service of the Confederate States; and

H. R. 32. A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for an increase of the Quartermaster and Commissary Departments," approved February 15, 1862.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 98) in relation to the public printing; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 4) in relation to the free navigation of the Mississippi River; and

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 32) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for an increase of the Quartermaster and Commissary Departments," approved February 15, 1862; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have also passed, without amendment, bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 85. An act to establish a preferred mail across the Mississippi River; and

S. 103. An act to authorize the increase of the compensation of route agents, and to increase the per diem allowance to special agents of the Post-Office Department.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Lamar:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the conference asked for by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (S. 27) defining who shall be exempt from military service in the armies of the Confederate States, and have appointed Mr. Kenan of Georgia, Mr. Pugh of Alabama, and Mr. Wright of Tennessee as managers on the part of the House at said conference.

The House of Representatives have agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (S. 97) to exempt contractors for carrying the mails of the Confederate States and the drivers of post coaches and hacks from military service.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 68) to abolish all ports of delivery in the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting after "abolished," line 5, the words "except such ports of delivery as are also ports of entry,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, to amend the bill by striking out all after "hereby," line 4, and inserting "suspended until the ratification of a treaty of peace between the Confederate States and the United States,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Clark, to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting:

That all laws or parts of laws establishing any port or ports of entry or of delivery in the Confederate States, and all laws or parts of laws imposing a duty upon importations into said States, be, and are hereby, suspended,

On motion by Mr. Oldham, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Clark by striking out "suspended" and inserting "repealed,"

It was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Clark,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 4
Nays 16

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Clark, Oldham, Orr, and Phelan.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Burnett, Caperton, Clay, Davis, Dortch, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Mitchel, Peyton, Semmes, Sparrow, and Yancey.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, {	Yeas -----	16
	Nays -----	5

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Clark, Clay, Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Oldham, Peyton, Phelan, Semmes, Wigfall, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, and Orr.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 35) to reorganize and promote the efficiency of the medical branch of the military service; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, that when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 25) to make appropriations for ironclad and other war steamers, steam engines, and other supplies contracted for abroad, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 25) last mentioned; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the message of the President in relation to the subject, reported

A bill (S. 115) to appropriate ten millions of dollars to pay for the construction, armament, and equipment of ten ironclad war ships in southern Europe;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Monday next at 1 o'clock.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nominations of John D. Simms, Jacob Read, John R. F. Tattnall, Andrew J. Hays, George Holmes, Reuben T. Thom, A. C. Van Benthuyssen, Julius E. Meiere, George P. Turner, Thomas S. Wilson, to be captains in the Marine Corps.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That the further consideration of said nominations be postponed till Tuesday next.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate proceeded to consider the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient at this time to send a commissioner to Russia.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, to amend the resolution by striking out all after "That" and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

the President be respectfully requested to communicate to the Senate, in executive session, the reasons upon which he deems it expedient to send a commissioner to Russia,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the resolution as amended,

On motion by Mr. Davis,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles:

H. R. 33. An act to provide for the execution of deeds by marshals in certain cases; and

H. R. 34. An act concerning fees of district attorneys; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have also passed Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 41. An act to amend the several acts prescribing the mode of publishing the laws and resolutions of the Confederate States; and

S. 78. An act to prevent the absence of officers and soldiers without leave, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Oldham submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate to the Senate, at as early a day as practicable, copies of all orders or letters from the War Department to any officer or officers in command in the Trans-Mississippi Military Department, requiring the military restrictions imposed upon the commerce across the Rio Grande River, and particularly upon the exportation of cotton, to be revoked and annulled.

Mr. Semmes presented the memorial of Maj. Francis Rawle, quartermaster of Nicholls' (Louisiana) brigade, praying for relief from certain liabilities incurred by him; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance,

Ordered, That the bill (H. R. 26) for the assessment and collection of taxes be printed.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 20) to allow commutation for clothing to the militia in actual service of the Confederate States, reported it with an amendment.

The following bills received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times:

H. R. 33. An act to provide for the execution of deeds by marshals in certain cases;

H. R. 34. An act concerning fees of district attorneys; and

H. R. 35. An act to reorganize and promote the efficiency of the medical branch of the military service.

Ordered, That the bills numbered 33 and 34 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and that the bill numbered 35 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 41) to amend the several acts prescribing the mode of publishing the laws and resolutions of the Confederate States; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 78) to prevent the absence of officers and soldiers without leave; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 4) in relation to the free navigation of the Mississippi River; and

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 47) making Columbia, S. C., a port of delivery for goods imported into Charleston, S. C., and Wilmington, N. C.; and

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the following bills:

S. 69. A bill for the confiscation of the leasehold interest and shares

of stock owned by the American Telegraph Company and other alien enemies in the lines of telegraph in the Confederate States; and

S. 70. A bill declaring the telegraph a part of the postal system of the Confederate States, and to provide for working the same; and

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed till Tuesday next.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 71) to repeal the naturalization laws; and

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 84) to amend an act entitled "An act to prohibit the exportation of cotton from the Confederate States, except through the seaports of said States, and to punish persons offending therein," approved May 21, 1861; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, the vote on ordering the bill to its engrossment and third reading was reconsidered; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That it be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 86) to provide for the arrest of soldiers absent from their commands without leave, and providing compensation to their captors; and

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That it be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 74) to amend an act entitled "An act for the establishment and organization of a general staff for the Army of the Confederate States of America," approved February 26, 1861; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in,

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 92) to prescribe the rates of postage on newspapers, periodicals, books, and transient and other matter; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 80) to increase the efficiency of the Medical Department.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment:

Strike out, section 2, line 10, the words "and to receive the" and insert "with the rank,"

It was determined in the negative.

The residue of the reported amendments were then agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Orr, that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs,

It was determined in the negative.

The bill having been further amended, was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (H. R. 21) to amend an act entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to make certain contracts without advertising for proposals," approved August 29, 1861.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President be, and he is hereby, requested to inform the Senate, in secret session, at what price per pound the Secretary of the Treasury has sold cotton in foreign markets under cover of certificates referred to in the report of the Secretary of the Treasury of date January tenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two; what were the provisions of the certificates devised or used, and particularly as to the class of cotton and time and place of delivery; and what were the instructions governing our commissioners in the sales made, and what are the instructions now as to future sales.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of L. F. Marshall, D. R. Hawkins, V. M. Brown, D. T. Carraway, B. G. Pinckney, A. P. Slover, Thomas P. Adams, John Cantey, John P. Trezevant, Benjamin F. Carter, C. J. Kinney, H. A. Deas, to be commissaries, with the rank of major; P. L. Mynatt, W. H. Anderson, E. T. Burch, H. F. Dunson,

John M. Zachry, D. S. Dickinson, B. M. Burroughs, J. M. Kern, A. F. Hall, J. E. Morecock, A. P. Lining, W. D. Rankin, George W. Lamar, C. D. Burks, J. B. Anderson, W. H. Atwell, J. J. Hutchinson, H. B. Lane, Roger Moore, Owen Fennell, James J. Busby, H. B. Taliaferro, A. Hobday, C. V. Morris, James McNeill, S. K. Ingram, Hiram Fain, Robert Tait, E. Horry Frost, T. B. Stapleton, James F. Gresham, W. T. Noel, G. W. Ferrand, R. H. Downman, John Emmerson, J. C. Meadows, H. S. Van Eaton, R. C. Cammack, S. V. Reid, S. C. Means, G. W. Sampson, J. N. Davis, John G. Jones, W. H. Armstrong, C. M. Ohlson, J. T. Beveridge, William Holroyd, William M. Turner, J. W. Armstrong, T. U. Dudley, jr., O. P. Meares, Edward Smith, L. McDonald, C. A. Neilson, W. H. Murrell, C. Dawson, S. J. Calvert, J. P. Murphy, Edward Alston, B. G. Boaz, F. Livingston, D. B. Thompson, John R. Wills, J. J. Villepigue, P. Harrison, W. H. Sale, George Wray, T. E. Stanley, W. A. Hall, John J. Jelks, D. N. Leach, T. D. Reeves, to be assistant commissaries, with the rank of captain; A. G. Quaite, R. B. George, George T. Jones, W. P. Paul, H. J. Hearsey, W. H. Quincy, James T. Stewart, J. H. Littlefield, H. R. Hooper, A. S. Cabell, T. J. Woolfolk, H. L. Elcan, John M. Billups, G. S. Thompson, W. E. Bird, N. C. Jones, R. J. Hill, J. A. Lauderdale, J. R. Parrott, to be quartermasters, with the rank of major; J. G. Guignard, W. H. Bryan, E. G. Cheatham, J. M. Kilgour, W. C. Day, R. R. Harris, Johnson Orrick, T. H. Maxwell, George Higgins, A. U. Wright, A. H. Keller, James M. Elliott, Willis S. Stone, Thomas Moore, W. F. Law, Gust. Bredow, J. M. Madding, C. L. Randolph, J. B. Burwell, G. E. Manigault, Jesse S. Wood, J. F. McClure, W. B. Hoyt, John H. Gray, J. S. Porcher, R. E. B. Hewetson, C. B. Gwathmey, Ker Boyce, Thomas M. Ingles, W. W. Gordon, J. W. Higgason, Jos. F. Foard, W. J. Kennedy, Travis G. Wright, B. F. Fitzpatrick, W. F. Williams, Thomas Addison, George Cox, J. F. Martin, D. W. Ducie, W. R. White, L. M. Lawshe, Thomas W. Napier, Felix W. Earnest, Benjamin F. Buckner, John Tatum, James M. Henagan, W. H. Kable, Charles W. Green, J. C. Van Fossen, Henry Dunohoo, Sheldon Toomer, R. H. Hill, O. Caldwell, Henry S. Field, M. V. Mitchell, N. J. Floyd, W. T. Edwards, D. R. Murchison, Jos. M. Walters, George C. Reid, H. G. Robertson, S. Chambers, T. D. Johnston, V. E. Turner, W. R. Garrett, Thomas Jones, W. G. Thomas, William H. Welch, D. McKenzie, George D. Logan, W. C. Eoff, J. E. Ray, B. F. Owen, R. M. Oates, R. H. Allen, William M. Milby, to be assistant quartermasters, with the rank of captain; William C. Preston, J. G. King, H. S. Farley, W. H. Peronneau, F. H. Harleston, D. G. Fleming, J. C. Mitchel, to be captains of artillery; S. R. Proctor, F. D. Blake, Henry R. Lesesne, A. S. Gaillard, McMillan King, Julius M. Rhett, J. J. Alston, E. P. Ravenel, Charles Inglesby, J. R. Pringle, W. E. Erwin, Edward Lowndes, K. Kemper, to be first lieutenants of artillery; Richard H. Clarke, W. A. Anderson, John M. Battle, J. F. Griffin, T. B. Crooker, Theodore H. Coc, Waddy T. Means, W. V. Martin, Edward North, F. J. Moses, Thomas P. Mikell, Thomas Williams, J. C. Minott, George Gourdin, Edward Mathewes, R. R. Singleton, G. W. Marshall, E. J. Simkins, C. Clemson, T. D. Scott, N. S. Key, to be second lieutenants of artillery; George D. Farrar, A. L. Slack, James McConnell, L. Cecil Berrien, John P. Fort, Robert F. Dancy, to be second lieutenants; A. Coward, W. B. Wade, C. W. Sears, Charles

T. Goode, to be colonels; J. T. Montgomery, M. M. Slaughter, to be lieutenant-colonels; T. W. Brevard, John S. Prather, John B. Rudolph, to be majors; W. J. Robinson, Samuel G. Beltzhoover, F. Voigt, John M. Payne, William Collins, William C. Lord, T. D. Armesy, Frank Waters, Jonathan G. Riley, Robert C. Wood, J. H. Haymaker, William R. Samuels, N. L. Norton, William P. Clarkson, R. H. Carter, David T. Copher, William T. Payne, Nathaniel P. Kunkel, to be captains; Charles R. Skinker, to be first lieutenant; E. G. Lee, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of major; J. P. Johnson, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of captain; A. L. Rives, D. B. Harris, James Nocquet, to be majors of engineers; J. K. Boswell, C. T. Mason, J. W. Green, C. R. Howard, H. B. Richardson, F. Girard, W. H. James, to be captains of engineers, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to their respective nominations by the President.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nomination of Robert H. Chilton, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of colonel.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, that said nomination be laid on the table, It was determined in the negative.

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of R. H. Chilton as assistant adjutant-general. with rank of colonel?

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That said nomination lie on the table.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the nomination of Robert H. Chilton, to be brigadier-general, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be not confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

On the question to agree thereto,

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas demanded the question: which was seconded, and

The question being put,

It was determined in the negative.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate do not advise and consent to the appointment of Robert H. Chilton as brigadier-general.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nomination of Robert H. Chilton, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of colonel.

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to this appointment?

It was determined in the affirmative.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of Robert H. Chilton, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of colonel, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nomination of Francis A. Shoup, to be brigadier-general.

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to this appointment?

After debate,

Mr. Burnett demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being put,

It was determined in the affirmative.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of Francis A. Shoup, to be brigadier-general, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nomination of J. de Lagnel, to be major of artillery.

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to this appointment?

It was determined in the negative.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate do not advise and consent to the appointment of J. de Lagnel as major of artillery.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nomination of J. C. Moore, to be brigadier-general.

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to this appointment?

It was determined in the affirmative.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of J. C. Moore as brigadier-general, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the nomination of J. M. Elliston, to be commissary, with the rank of major, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the nomination of J. M. Elliston, to be quartermaster, with the rank of major, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed, with leave to sit during vacation, whose duty it shall be to investigate and report to the Senate at the next session of Congress upon the expediency of providing for regular and perfect reports

of the debates of the Senate and of embracing in the reports the secret as well as the open legislative sessions of the Senate, and that they prepare a proper system to govern this service, and that they report with it the terms upon which first-class reporters may be employed, together with the expenses necessarily incident thereto.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That the committee under said resolution be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, Mr. Orr, and Mr. Brown were appointed.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the following bills:

H. R. 27. An act explanatory of an act entitled "An act to authorize the President to accept and place in the service certain regiments and battalions heretofore raised," approved on the 11th day of October, 1862; and

H. R. 31. An act to provide for the relief of officers and soldiers who have been irregularly introduced into the military service of the Confederate States;

reported them severally with the recommendation that they ought not to pass.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 19) to establish a niter and mining bureau, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to employ such additional clerical force in his office during the remainder of the session as may be necessary to keep up the business of the Senate.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 4) in relation to the free navigation of the Mississippi River; and

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Wednesday next.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 89) to abolish supernumerary offices in the Commissary's and Quartermaster's Departments; and the reported amendments having been agreed to and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Orr, it was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 105) to provide for the conscription of aliens resident in the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (S. 97) to exempt contractors for carrying the mails of the Confederate States and the drivers of post coaches and hacks from military service.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 29) to amend an act entitled "An act to secure copyrights to authors and composers," approved May 21, 1861, ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and have appointed Mr. Holcombe of Virginia, Mr. Curry of Alabama, and Mr. Machen of Kentucky as managers at said conference on their part.

They have concurred in the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 17) to aid committees of Congress in the investigation of matters referred to them, and to punish false swearing before said committees.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendment, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 29) to amend an act entitled "An act to secure copyrights to authors and composers," approved May 21, 1861; and

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their amendment to the said bill, and agree to the conference asked by the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Hill, Mr. Semmes, and Mr. Dortch were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 14) to prevent fraud in the Quartermaster's and Commissary's Departments, and the obtaining under false pretense transportation for private property; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution of the House of Representatives, fixing the time for the adjournment of Congress; and

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Friday next.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 4th instant, approved and signed a joint resolution (S. 8) relating to the production of provisions.

On the 11th instant the President approved and signed the following act and joint resolution:

S. 114. An act for the relief of certain officers of the Navy and of the Marine Corps; and

S. 10. Joint resolution authorizing the Postmaster-General to extend the time for receiving bids for transportation of the mails in the States therein named.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 13) in relation to the public printing.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by striking out, in the third, fourth, and fifth lines of the first section, the words

fair copies of all acts and resolutions, of a public nature, intended to have the effect of laws, passed during said session; and also,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by striking out the words "said acts," section 1, line 20, and inserting "the acts and resolutions,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the bill by inserting after "State," section 1, line 33, the words "or other place, as he may deem advisable, within said State,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the bill by striking out all of the third section after "preserved," line 4,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the bill by striking out "the same," section 5, lines 16 and 17,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Henry, to amend the bill by striking out "joint," section 10, line 2, and inserting "the separate and concurrent,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by striking out "That a public printer shall be elected by the separate and concurrent vote of the two Houses of Congress," section 10, lines 1 and 2, and inserting "That each House of Congress shall elect its own public printer,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Henry, to amend the bill by striking out "one copy," section 2, line 2, and inserting "two copies,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the bill by striking out the words "five hundred copies," section 2, line 17, and inserting "the remainder,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the bill by inserting after "preserved," section 3, line 4,

The Attorney-General shall affix marginal notes to the acts and resolutions, fully index the same, and cause fair and exact copies of the said acts, resolutions, notes, and index to be made for delivery to the contractor by whom the same are to be printed,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., April 10, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering copies of Gen. Braxton Bragg's reports of several battles.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., April 11, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering estimates for the support of the Government from July 1 to December 31, 1863, in compliance with resolutions adopted respectively by the Senate and House of Representatives.

I recommend that appropriations be made of the amounts for the purposes specified.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Brown presented the memorial of Johannes Roth, supercargo, and Joseph Lawson, commander, of the British ship Princess Royal, praying for compensation for the loss of said ship and that portion of her cargo which consisted of war material; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 20) to allow commutation for clothing to the militia in actual service of the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Brown, the Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 11th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 21) to amend an act entitled "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to make certain contracts without advertising for proposals," approved August 29, 1861.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (S. 52) to fix the rank of officers in the military and naval service of the Confederate States holding commissions under the Provisional Government when reappointed to offices of the same grade under the Permanent Government.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last

reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill of the Senate (S. 58) to establish a volunteer navy.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 115) to appropriate ten millions of dollars to pay for the construction, armament, and equipment of ten ironclad war ships in southern Europe; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The Senate having again resolved into secret legislative session,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dixon, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives disagree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 18) to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States, ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and have appointed Mr. Kenner of Louisiana, Mr. Lyon of Alabama, and Mr. Garnett of Virginia as managers at said conference on their part.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendment, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 18) last mentioned; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Resolved, That they insist on their amendment to said bill, and agree to the conference asked by the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Barnwell, Mr. Semmes, and Mr. Clay were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, April 11, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. John D. Imboden, of Virginia, to be brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, under act No. 22, approved October 11, 1862, to take rank from January 28, 1863.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, April 10, 1863*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Col. John D. Imboden, of Virginia, to be brigadier-general, under act No. 22, approved October 11, 1862, to take rank from January 28, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Clay, that the message be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs,

It was determined in the negative.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of John D. Imboden, to be brigadier-general.

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to this appointment?

It was determined in the affirmative.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

RICHMOND, April 11, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I hereby withdraw the nomination of R. M. Lusher, to be marshal of the district of Louisiana, sent to the Senate February 2. Mr. Lusher declines the appointment.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That the nomination of R. M. Lusher, to be marshal for the district of Louisiana, be returned to the President as requested in his message of the 11th instant.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of H. M. Folsom, G. W. Melton, Thomas J. Scurry, P. M. Doherty, James W. Wilson, to be quartermasters, with the rank of major; James M. Grissim, C. B. Duncan, H. G. Robertson, G. A. Pope, John A. Small, Charles P. Cooper, Thomas V. Sanford, I. N. Sheppard, William H. Briggs, W. J. Ferguson, John Logan, W. C. Scott, John H. Keyser, T. S. Hays, J. A. Kerby, Clayton Wilson, John A. Preston, Richard F. Langdon, D. R. Murchison, J. Harris Forbes, Thomas A. Roberts, E. H. Lane, to be assistant quartermasters, with the rank of captain; William Norris, to be major in the Signal Corps; M. L. Randolph, to be captain; R. J. Brownfield, S. M. Routh, to be first lieutenants; James L. Crittenden, George E. Tabb, John Bellinger, to be second lieutenants in the Signal Corps, reported, with the recommendation that said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the nomination of J. A. Campbell, to be Assistant Secre-

tary of War, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration of said nomination be postponed to and made the special order for to-morrow at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the nomination of J. C. Moore, to be brigadier-general, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution in relation to sending a minister to Russia.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to reconsider the vote on agreeing to the following amendment:

Strike out all after "That" and insert:

the President be respectfully requested to communicate to the Senate, in executive session, the reasons upon which he deems it expedient to send a commissioner to Russia,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment,

When, by unanimous consent, Mr. Johnson withdrew the same.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the resolution lie on the table.

Mr. Johnson of Georgia submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President be respectfully requested to communicate to the Senate, in executive session, the reasons upon which he deems it expedient to send a commissioner to Russia.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, to reconsider the vote on agreeing to the resolution,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 12
Nays 7

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Caperton, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Oldham, Phelan, Simms, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Clark, Clay, Dortch, Haynes, Orr, Semmes, and Yancey.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, to amend the resolution by inserting after the word "session," in the fifth line, the words "if not incompatible with the public interests,"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 12
Nays 8

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Barnwell, Caperton, Davis, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Peyton, Phelan, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Clark, Clay, Dortch, Haynes, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, and Yancey.

On the question to agree to the resolution as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate the petition of Ishmael Pritchard, of Stafford County, Va., praying for relief on account of damage done him by the public enemy; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred, with the message of the President of the Confederate States communicating the same, a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, submitting the estimates of the various Departments for the support of the Government for the first half of the ensuing fiscal year, reported the same.

Pending the reading of the said communication,

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

Ordered, That the further reading thereof be dispensed with, and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance and printed.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 33) to provide for the execution of deeds by marshals in certain cases, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 33) last mentioned; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 88) in relation to the custody of persons charged with offenses against the Confederate States, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 88) last mentioned; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 105) to provide for the conscription of aliens resident in the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Thursday next.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 41. An act to amend the several acts prescribing the mode of publishing the laws and resolutions of the Confederate States;

S. 43. An act for the relief of the Brunswick and Albany Railroad Company;

S. 78. An act to prevent the absence of officers and soldiers without leave;

S. 85. An act to establish a preferred mail across the Mississippi River; and

S. 103. An act to authorize the increase of the compensation of route agents, and to increase the per diem allowance to special agents of the Post-Office Department.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 69) for the confiscation of the leasehold interest and shares of stock owned by the American Telegraph Company and other alien enemies in the lines of telegraph in the Confederate States; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was recommitted the bill (H. R. 20) to allow commutation for clothing to the militia in actual service of the Confederate States, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (H. R. 20) last mentioned; which was again read the second time and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 112) to facilitate transportation for the Government, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That it be printed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 70) declaring the telegraph a part of the postal sys-

tem of the Confederate States, and to provide for working the same; and

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 106) to create a provisional navy of the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 110) to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to purchase a site for a laboratory and magazine, near the city of Richmond, for the preparation and safe-keeping of ordnance stores; and

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 23) to amend an act entitled "An act to organize the Department of State," approved February 21, 1861; and

On motion by Mr. Clark,

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 24) to repeal the laws of naturalization; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 19) to establish a niter and mining bureau.

Pending which,

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That the Hon. James M. Baker have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate during the remainder of the present session.

Mr. Caperton (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 116) to authorize the Secretary of War to purchase or lease real estate; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the following subjects:

Petition of Ishmael Pritchard, of Stafford County, Va., praying for relief on account of damages done him by the public enemy;

Memorial of Maj. Francis Rawle, quartermaster of Nicholls' (Louisiana) brigade, praying for relief from certain liabilities incurred by him; and

Memorial of Johannes Roth, supercargo, and Joseph Lawson, com-

mander, of the British ship *Princess Royal*, praying for compensation for the loss of said ship and that portion of her cargo which consisted of war material.

Mr. Yancey (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 13) of thanks to Gen. G. T. Beauregard and the officers and soldiers under his command in the battle in Charleston Harbor on the 7th of April, 1863; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 27) explanatory of an act entitled "An act to authorize the President to accept and place in the service certain regiments and battalions heretofore raised," approved on the 11th day of October, 1862; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 14. An act to authorize newspapers to be mailed to soldiers free of postage;

S. 17. An act relating to appeals from the Commissioner of Patents;

S. 24. An act to authorize the Commissioner of Patents to purchase books for the library of the Patent Office; and

S. 100. An act to amend an act to establish the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The first named with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And they have passed bills and a joint resolution of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 36. An act to amend the first section of an act entitled "An act to amend the laws relative to the compensation of attorneys of the Confederate States," approved March 15, 1861;

H. R. 37. An act to authorize the President to offer rewards for the apprehension of fugitives from justice;

H. R. 38. An act supplemental to an act to establish judicial courts in certain Indian Territories, approved February 15, 1862;

H. R. 39. An act to provide certain regulations for holding elections for Delegates to the Congress of the Confederate States in certain Indian nations; and

H. R. 8. Joint resolution relating to martial law.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, that the vote by which the bill (S. 110) to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to purchase a site for a laboratory and magazine, near the city of Richmond, for the preparation and safe-keeping of ordnance stores was indefinitely postponed be reconsidered,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of said bill.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, to amend the bill by striking out "purchase," in the fourth line, and inserting "lease,"

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the proposed amendment by inserting after "lease" the words "proper buildings,"

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas -----	8
	{ Nays -----	12

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,
Messrs. Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Peyton, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,
Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Phelan, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Maxwell,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the bill by inserting after "lease," line 4, the words "for a period not exceeding five years,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Brown, to amend the bill by inserting after "lease," line 4, the words "with or without buildings, as he may deem most expedient,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, to amend the bill by striking out the words "for the erection of a laboratory and magazine," line 5,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, to amend the bill by striking out "purchased," line 8, and inserting "leased,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to lease a site, near the city of Richmond, for the preparation and safe-keeping of ordnance stores."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution of the Senate (S. 1) for the relief of Capt. John F. Divine.

And they have passed bills and a joint resolution of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 40. An act to prescribe the rates of postage on newspapers, periodicals, books, and transient and other matter, and to repeal in part the second section of the act approved May 13, 1861, to amend an act to prescribe the rates of postage in the Confederate States of America, and for other purposes, approved February 23, 1861;

H. R. 41. An act to provide for the payment of the interest on the removal and subsistence fund due the Cherokee Indians in North Carolina; and

H. R. 9. Joint resolution for the relief of H. H. Epping.

The bills and joint resolutions received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times.

Ordered, That the bills numbered 36, 37, and 38, and the joint resolution numbered 8, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; that the bills numbered 39 and 41 be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs; that the bill numbered 40 be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, and that the joint resolution numbered 9 be referred to the Committee on Claims.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 14) to authorize newspapers to be mailed to soldiers free of postage; and

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (H. R. 17) to aid committees of Congress in the investigation of matters referred to them, and to punish false swearing before said committees.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Hill, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 29) to amend an act entitled "An act to secure copyrights to authors and composers," approved May 21, 1861, reported

That they had met the committee on the part of the House of Representatives, and, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from their amendment to the second section of said bill; and that the following be inserted at the end of the said section: "*Provided*, That nothing in this section shall be so construed as to prejudice any interest which may be held by a loyal citizen of the Confederate States, other than the author, in any copyright owned by an alien enemy, or the rights of the Confederate States under the sequestration acts, to the copies of any book, map, musical composition, print, or engraving published by an alien enemy."

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

Resolved, That they concur therein, and that the bill be amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Sparrow, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (S. 27) defining who shall be exempt from military service in the armies of the Confederate States, reported

That they had met the committee on the part of the House of Representatives, and, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate agree to the amendment of the House to said bill, with the amendments herewith submitted, and that the House of Representatives concur in said amendments—the bill reported by the committee being as follows:

"A bill to exempt certain persons from military duty, and to repeal the acts heretofore passed by Congress on the same subject.

"SECTION 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact*, That certain persons, as hereinafter provided, are, and shall be, exempt from military service in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States:

"I. Those who shall be held unfit for service in the field by reason of bodily or mental incapacity—to be ascertained by a surgeon of the Army who is not a resident of the part of the country from which those he is called upon to examine may have come—and persons declared to be unfit for duty in the field under this act or under the act entitled 'An act to establish places of rendezvous for the examination of enrolled men,' approved October eleventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, by reason of any organic disease or permanent disability, shall not be afterwards subject to be again examined and enrolled.

"II. The Vice-President of the Confederate States, and the officers, judicial and executive, of the Confederate and State governments, including postmasters appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, and such clerks now employed in their offices as are allowed, in writing, by the Postmaster-General, and excluding all other postmasters, their assistants and clerks, and except such State officers as the several States may have declared, or may hereafter declare, by law,

to be liable to military duty; members of both Houses of the Congress of the Confederate States, and of the legislatures of the several States, and their respective officers.

"III. All volunteer troops heretofore raised by any State since the passage of the act further to provide for the public defense, approved April sixteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, while such troops shall be in active service under State authority: *Provided*, This exemption shall not include any person liable to military duty under said last-named act.

"IV. Pilots, and persons actually and regularly engaged in the merchant marine service.

"V. The presidents, superintendents, conductors, treasurer, chief clerk, engineers, managers, station agents, section masters, two expert track hands to each section of eight miles, and mechanics, in the active service and employment of railroad companies, not to embrace laborers, porters, and messengers: *Provided*, That no president or conductor of any railroad company or railroad train shall be exempted from military service under this act when such president or conductor shall fail, neglect, or refuse to furnish seats to such wounded or sick soldiers of the Army as may desire transportation over such railroad, and fresh water for drinking purposes, in such tanks or other vessels in each passenger car as may be necessary for the use of said sick and wounded, and also the necessary fires to render said cars comfortable.

"VI. Captains of boats and the engineers and pilots thereof actually and regularly engaged in canal and river navigation; the president of any canal company, the secretary, chief clerk, chief toll gatherer, and such mechanics in the permanent service of said company as the president under oath shall declare to be necessary and now employed; the president, general superintendent, and operators of telegraphic companies and the local operators of said companies, not to exceed two in number at any telegraphic office but that at the seat of government of the Confederate States.

"VII. One editor of each newspaper now being published, and such journeymen printers, engineers, pressmen, and stenographic reporters as the editor or proprietors thereof may certify upon oath to be indispensable for conducting the publication; the Public Printer, engineers, pressmen, and such number of journeymen printers as he may certify upon oath to be necessary for the discharge of his duty.

"VIII. Every minister of religion authorized to preach according to the rules of his sect, and now in the regular discharge of ministerial duty, and all persons who have been, since the sixteenth of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and now are, members of the Society of Friends, or the Association of Dunkards, Nazaries, or Mennonists, in regular membership in their respective denominations: *Provided*, That such members shall furnish a substitute or pay a tax of five hundred dollars each into the public Treasury.

"IX. All shoemakers, tanners, blacksmiths, wagon makers, millers and their engineers and millwrights, skilled and actually employed, on the sixteenth of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, in said trades as their regular vocation, and working therein for the public, and who have since said time been so regularly employed: *Provided*, Said persons shall make oath in writing, supported by the affidavits of two credible persons (which affidavits shall be delivered to the enrolling officer), that they (said artisans and mechanics) are so skilled, and are and have been, since the sixteenth of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, actually employed in one of the above trades as their regular vocations, and working for the public; also the superintendents and operators in wool and cotton factories, paper mills, and carding machines, and in card factories, and in factories for the manufacture of wire for cotton and wool cards: *Provided*, That the exemption herein granted to persons on account of their mechanical skill or occupation shall be subject to the condition that the product of the labor of said exempts shall not exceed a fair and reasonable amount, and to be within a maximum to be fixed by the Secretary of War, under such regulations as he may prescribe: *And provided*, That in the case of the superintendents and operators in wool and cotton factories, paper mills, carding machines, and mechanics in these and all other manufacturing establishments, the manufactured articles shall be sold at a net profit not to exceed thirty per centum upon the capital invested, which fact shall be ascertained by the oath of the president, superintendent, or proprietors of such manufacturing establishments: *And provided also*, The president or proprietors of the said establishments shall make affidavit in writing, to be filed with the Secretary of War, that the superintendents and operators therein are skilled as such, and indispensable to said establishments: *And provided*, If it shall be shown, upon evidence to be submitted to, and judged of, by the Secretary of War, that any manufacturing establishment has violated this condition, the exemptions herein granted shall no longer be extended to the persons

employed in said establishments or factories, but each of them shall be forthwith enrolled and placed in the military service.

"X. All presidents and professors of colleges and theological seminaries, who have been regularly engaged as such for the two years last preceding the eleventh of October, eighteen hundred and sixty-two; all superintendents of lunatic asylums, and the regular physicians, nurses, and attendants therein; and all teachers regularly employed in institutions for the deaf, dumb, and blind.

"XI. All physicians who now are and have been for the last five years in the actual practice of their profession; and in each apothecary store now established and doing business one practical apothecary, in good standing as such.

"XII. All artisans and mechanics employed in the manufacture of arms or ordnance of any kind, ordnance stores or other munitions of war, or army supplies, by the several States, or by contractors to furnish the same to the several State governments, whom the governor or secretary of state thereof may certify to be necessary to the same: *Provided*, The persons contracting with said State governments shall make oath in writing, to be filed with the Secretary of War, that said employees are indispensable, on account of their skill, to the successful performance of their contracts.

"XIII. All persons engaged, under the authority of the Secretary of the Navy, in the construction of ships, gunboats, engines, sails, or other articles necessary to the public defense.

"XIV. Superintendents, mechanics, and miners employed in the production and manufacture of lead and iron; also persons engaged in burning coke for the smelting and manufacture of iron; regular miners in coal mines; and one collier to each furnace and forge for making blooms and pig and bar iron; but said exemptions shall not apply to laborers, messengers, and wagoners, except at works employed exclusively for the State or Confederate governments: *Provided*, That persons interested in the exemption from military duty of said superintendents, mechanics, miners, and colliers shall make affidavit in writing that said persons are skilled in said labor, and are indispensable to such works, and that after diligent effort they have been unable to procure superintendents, mechanics, miners, and colliers who have been discharged from the Provisional Army, or who are not subject to military duty.

"XV. In addition to the exemptions specified in the foregoing paragraphs, the Secretary of War is hereby authorized, and it shall be his duty, under the direction of the President, to exempt or detail from the Provisional Army, upon any terms or conditions he may prescribe, such other persons as he may be satisfied, with the sanction of the President, ought to be exempted or detailed in districts of country not supplied with slave or white labor, indispensable for the production of grain and provisions necessary for the support of the families of soldiers in the field; or persons indispensable for the police of plantations cultivated exclusively by slave labor, and owned exclusively by minors under the age of eighteen, lunatics, females sole, or persons in the military or naval service; also for the maintenance and support of the Army, the public defense, or the general vital interests of the country; and it is the true intent and meaning of this act that the enumeration of the exemptions in the foregoing paragraphs shall not be construed to limit or restrain the exercise of the power herein granted.

"SEC. 2. That all exemptions granted by law shall only continue whilst the person is holding the office, or engaged in the pursuit or occupation by reason of which the exemption was granted; and nothing in this act, or any other in relation to exemptions, shall be construed so as to exempt agents, clerks, or other persons employed by officers in the Quartermaster, Commissary, or other departments of the Government, unless such agents or clerks are allowed by law, and their fees or salaries fixed by law; nor shall anything herein contained be construed so as to authorize the discharge of any one now in the military service of the Confederate Government.

"SEC. 3. That all laws and parts of laws providing for exemptions from military service are hereby repealed; and no person exempted under previously existing laws shall continue to be exempted unless embraced within the provisions and on the terms and conditions of this act. The provisions of this act shall apply to all persons between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years not in the military service. But this act shall not repeal an act passed at the present session of Congress, entitled 'An act to exempt contractors for carrying the mails of the Confederate States and the drivers of post coaches and hacks from military service.'"

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report; and

On motion by Mr. Orr, that the further consideration thereof be postponed to and made the special order for to-morrow at 12 o'clock,
It was determined in the negative.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Simms,

Ordered, That the further consideration of said report be postponed to and made the special order for to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the fifteenth paragraph of the first section of the report be printed.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, the Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The reading of the Journal having been dispensed with,

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nomination of J. A. Campbell, to be Assistant Secretary of War.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed and made the special order for to-morrow at 2 o'clock.

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate to the Senate the report and accompanying papers made by General G. T. Beauregard, dated twenty-fourth September last, to the Adjutant and Inspector General, touching the occupation and fortifications of Vicksburg.

Mr. Haynes (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 117) to increase the compensation of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Oldham (by leave) introduced the following bills; which were severally read the first and second times:

S. 118. A bill to authorize the establishment of express mails; and

S. 119. A bill to declare Treasury notes and bonds, inclosed in boxes for transportation by the Treasury Department, mailable matter, and to regulate the rates of postage.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 16) in relation to the transfer of troops, and to

repeal an act entitled "An act in relation to the transfer of troops," approved September 23, 1862, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That it be printed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 19) to establish a niter and mining bureau; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dixon, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 29) to amend an act entitled "An act to secure copyrights to authors and composers," approved May 21, 1861.

And they have passed joint resolutions of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 10. Joint resolution to provide for the payment of certain accounts of the acting quartermaster and other officers of the Indian troops;

H. R. 11. Joint resolution to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to audit the accounts of L. Merchant & Co., for supplies furnished the cutter Morgan; and

H. R. 12. Joint resolution authorizing the payment of rent for the building occupied by the Quartermaster's Department.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dixon, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 12) for the relief of certain officers and soldiers from the State of Missouri.

And they have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 42. An act to liquidate a claim due to the State of Alabama for the steamer Florida;

H. R. 43. An act for the relief of S. B. Lowe; and

H. R. 44. An act for the relief of John Prosser Tabb.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (S. 27) defining who shall be exempt from military service in the armies of the Confederate States; and

On the question to concur therein,

After debate,

Mr. Dortch demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being put,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas-----	10
	{ Nays-----	13

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Davis, Dortch, Hunter, Maxwell, Mitchel, Semmes, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,
Messrs. Barnwell, Clark, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Johnson of Georgia,
Johnson of Arkansas, Oldham, Orr, Peyton, Phelan, Wigfall, and
Yancey.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate do not concur in the said report.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives
thereof.

The bill (H. R. 42) to liquidate a claim due to the State of Alabama
for the steamer Florida was read the first and second times and con-
sidered as in the Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being
made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives
thereof.

The bills and joint resolutions received this day from the House of
Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and
second times.

Ordered, That the bills numbered 43 and 44 be referred to the Com-
mittee on Claims; that the joint resolutions numbered 10 and 12 be
referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and that the joint reso-
lution numbered 11 be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined
and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following
titles:

S. 17. An act relating to appeals from the Commissioner of Patents;

S. 24. An act to authorize the Commissioner of Patents to purchase
books for the library of the Patent Office;

S. 100. An act to amend an act to establish the Bureau of Indian
Affairs;

H. R. 12. An act for the relief of certain officers and soldiers from
the State of Missouri;

H. R. 27. An act explanatory of an act entitled "An act to authorize
the President to accept and place in the service certain regiments and
battalions heretofore raised," approved on the 11th day of October,
1862; and

S. 1. Joint resolution for the relief of Capt. John F. Divine.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and
enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they
were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith
presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

That the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 3) to
repeal certain clauses of an act entitled "An act to exempt certain per-
sons from military service," etc., approved October 11, 1862,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 10
Nays 13

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Caperton, Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Hunter, Max-
well, Mitchel, Phelan, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,
Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Clark, Clay, Henry, Hill, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Oldham, Orr, Peyton, Wigfall, and Yancey.

On motion by Mr. Haynes, that the vote by which the Senate refused to concur in the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (S. 27) defining who shall be exempt from military service in the armies of the Confederate States, be reconsidered,

It was determined in the negative, {	Yeas-----	12
	Nays-----	12

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Hunter, Maxwell, Mitchel, Phelan, Semmes, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Clark, Clay, Henry, Hill, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Oldham, Orr, Peyton, Wigfall, and Yancey.

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Maxwell (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 120) to regulate the rank of officers of the Provisional Corps of Artillery on ordnance duty;
which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nomination of J. A. Campbell, to be Assistant Secretary of War.

After debate,

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of J. A. Campbell, to be Assistant Secretary of War?

It was determined in the affirmative, {	Yeas-----	18
	Nays-----	6

On motion by Mr. Yancey,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Clay, Davis, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Orr, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Clark, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Oldham, Peyton, and Yancey.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of J. A. Campbell, to be Assistant Secretary of War, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Maxwell (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 121) to fix the salary of the Commissioner of Patents; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Brown (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 122) to allow compensation to William A. Addison as an acting assistant adjutant-general; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Brown (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 123) to provide for the appointment of a commissioner-general of accounts; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Caperton (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 124) fixing the salary of the judge of the district court of the eastern district of Virginia; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 39) to provide certain regulations for holding elections for Delegates to the Congress of the Confederate States in certain Indian nations, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 39) last mentioned; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 10) to provide for the payment of certain accounts of the acting quartermaster and other officers of the Indian troops, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 10) last mentioned; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the resolution was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the resolution read a third time.

The said resolution as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Henry, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 40) to repeal an act to establish places of rendez-

vous for the examination of enrolled men, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 12) authorizing the payment of rent for the building occupied by the Quartermaster's Department, and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 32) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for an increase of the Quartermaster and Commissary Departments," approved February 15, 1862, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 32) last mentioned; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 114) to confer upon the Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance the rank, pay, and emoluments of a brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 114) last mentioned; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 45. An act to provide for the payment for horses disabled or lost in the Confederate service; and

H. R. 46. An act for the relief of Lieut. Thomas T. Kirtland.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, the vote on passing the bill (H. R. 42) to liquidate a claim due to the State of Alabama for the steamer Florida was reconsidered.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill; and

On the question,

Shall the bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 19
Nays..... 1

The vote having been taken by yeas and nays, conformably to the ninth section of the first article of the Constitution,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Clay, Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Peyton, Simms, Sparrow, Wigfall, and Yancey.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas voted in the negative.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, two-thirds of the Senators present voting in favor thereof.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 9) for the relief of H. H. Epping, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 9) last mentioned; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill of the Senate (S. 75) to provide for having the laws relating to military and naval affairs digested and published, with amendments; in which they ask the concurrence of the Senate.

And they have concurred in the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (S. 27) defining who shall be exempt from military service in the armies of the Confederate States.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed three enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill and joint resolution of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 47. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the safe custody, printing, publication, and distribution of the laws, and to provide for the appointment of an additional clerk in the Department of Justice," approved August 5, 1861; and

H. R. 13. Joint resolution to establish a seal for the Confederate States.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

H. R. 19. An act to establish a niter and mining bureau.

H. R. 29. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to secure copyrights to authors and composers," approved May 21, 1861; and

H. R. 33. An act to provide for the execution of deeds by marshals in certain cases.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Haynes, that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 3) to repeal certain clauses of an act entitled "An act to exempt certain persons from military service," etc., approved October 11, 1862,

Mr. Haynes demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being put,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas.....	14
	{ Nays.....	9

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hunter, Maxwell, Mitchel, Peyton, Phelan, Simms, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Clark, Clay, Hill, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Oldham, Orr, Wigfall, and Yancey.

So the Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 3) to repeal certain clauses of an act entitled "An act to exempt certain persons from military service," etc., approved October 11, 1862.

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting:

That certain persons, as hereinafter provided, are, and shall be, exempt from military service in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States:

I. For the police of slaves, one person on each farm or plantation, the sole property of a minor, a person of unsound mind, a feme sole, or a person absent from home in the military or naval service of the Confederacy, on which there are twenty or more slaves: *Provided*, The person so exempted was employed and acting as an overseer previous to the sixteenth of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and there is no white male adult on said farm or plantation who is not liable to military duty, which fact shall be verified by the affidavits of said person and two respectable citizens, and shall be filed with the enrolling officer: *And provided*, That the enrolling officer shall be satisfied that no white male adult, not liable to military duty, can be procured, by ordinary diligence, suitable for said purpose: *Provided further*, That this clause shall not extend to any farm or plantation on which the negroes have been placed by division from any other farm or plantation since the eleventh day of October, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

II. That on any farm on which resides a family of white women and children, not less than ten in number, who are dependent for support and protection on the labor and presence of a white man, and on which there is no white male adult not liable to military duty, or male minor or minors capable of working said farm, there shall be exempted one person as laborer, when said person shall verify the facts aforesaid by his own and the affidavits of two respectable citizens, to be filed with the enrolling officer, and shall also make affidavit that said person so to be exempted designs in good faith to act in said capacity on said farm; and in the event of a failure to do so at any time thereafter, this exemption, as to said person, shall cease: *Provided*, The enrolling officer shall be satisfied that a white male adult not liable to military duty can not be procured suitable for said purpose,

Mr. Burnett demanded the question; which was seconded, and
The question being put,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 18
Nays 7.

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Clay, Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hunter, Maxwell, Mitchel, Orr, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Clark, Hill, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Oldham, Peyton, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the amendment last agreed to by adding thereto the following:

III. Those who shall be held unfit for service in the field by reason of bodily or mental incapacity—to be ascertained by a surgeon of the Army who is not a resident of the part of the country from which those he is called upon to examine may have come—and persons declared to be unfit for duty in the field under this act or under the act entitled "An act to establish places of rendezvous for the examination of enrolled men," approved October eleventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, by reason of any organic disease or permanent disability, shall not be afterwards subject to be again examined and enrolled.

IV. The Vice-President of the Confederate States, and the officers, judicial and executive, of the Confederate and State governments, including postmasters appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, and such clerks now employed in their offices as are allowed, in writing, by the Postmaster-General, and excluding all other postmasters, their assistants and clerks, and except such State officers as the several States may have declared, or may hereafter declare, by law, to be liable to

military duty; members of both Houses of the Congress of the Confederate States, and of the legislatures of the several States, and their respective officers.

V. All volunteer troops heretofore raised by any State since the passage of the act further to provide for the public defense, approved April sixteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, while such troops shall be in active service under State authority: *Provided*, This exemption shall not include any person liable to military duty under said last-named act.

VI. Pilots, and persons actually and regularly engaged in the merchant marine service.

VII. The presidents, superintendents, conductors, treasurer, chief clerk, engineers, managers, station agents, section masters, two expert track hands to each section of eight miles, and mechanics, in the active service and employment of railroad companies, not to embrace laborers, porters, and messengers: *Provided*, That no president or conductor of any railroad company or railroad train shall be exempted from military service under this act when such president or conductor shall fail, neglect, or refuse to furnish seats to such wounded or sick soldiers of the Army as may desire transportation over such railroad, and fresh water for drinking purposes, in such tanks or other vessels in each passenger car as may be necessary for the use of said sick and wounded, and also the necessary fires to render said cars comfortable.

VIII. Captains of boats and the engineers and pilots thereof actually and regularly engaged in canal and river navigation; the president of any canal company, the secretary, chief clerk, chief toll gatherer, and such mechanics in the permanent service of said company as the president under oath shall declare to be necessary and now employed; the president, general superintendent, and operators of telegraphic companies and the local operators of said companies, not to exceed two in number at any telegraphic office but that at the seat of government of the Confederate States.

IX. One editor of each newspaper now being published, and such journeymen printers, engineers, pressmen, and stenographic reporters as the editor or proprietors thereof may certify upon oath to be indispensable for conducting the publication; the Public Printer, engineers, pressmen, and such number of journeymen printers as he may certify upon oath to be necessary for the discharge of his duty.

X. Every minister of religion authorized to preach according to the rules of his sect, and now in the regular discharge of ministerial duty, and all persons who have been, since the sixteenth of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and now are, members of the Society of Friends, or the Association of Dunkards, Nazarinians, or Mennonists, in regular membership in their respective denominations: *Provided*, That such members shall furnish a substitute or pay a tax of five hundred dollars each into the public treasury.

XI. All shoemakers, tanners, blacksmiths, wagon makers, millers and their engineers and millwrights, skilled and actually employed, on the sixteenth of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, in said trades as their regular vocation, and working therein for the public, and who have since said time been so regularly employed: *Provided*, Said persons shall make oath in writing, supported by the affidavits of two credible persons (which affidavits shall be delivered to the enrolling officer), that they (said artisans and mechanics) are so skilled, and are and have been, since the sixteenth of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, actually employed in one of the above trades as their regular vocations, and working for the public; also the superintendents and operators in wool and cotton factories, paper mills, and carding machines, and in card factories, and in factories for the manufacture of wire for cotton and wool cards: *Provided*, That the exemption herein granted to persons on account of their mechanical skill or occupation shall be subject to the condition that the product of the labor of the said exempts shall not exceed a fair and reasonable amount, and to be within a maximum to be fixed by the Secretary of War, under such regulations as he may prescribe: *And provided*, That in the case of the superintendents and operators in wool and cotton factories, paper mills, carding machines, and mechanics in these and all other manufacturing establishments, the manufactured articles shall be sold at a net profit not to exceed thirty per centum upon the capital invested, which fact shall be ascertained by the oath of the president, superintendent, or proprietors of such manufacturing establishments: *And provided also*, The president or proprietors of the said establishments shall make affidavit in writing, to be filed with the Secretary of War, that the superintendents and operators therein are skilled as such, and indispensable to said establishments: *And provided*, If it shall be shown, upon evidence to be submitted to, and judged of, by the Secretary of War, that any manufacturing establishment has violated this condition, the exemptions herein granted shall no longer be extended to the persons employed in said establishments or factories, but each of them shall be forthwith enrolled and placed in the military service.

XII. All presidents and professors of colleges and theological seminaries, who have been regularly engaged as such for the two years last preceding the eleventh of October, eighteen hundred and sixty-two; all superintendents of lunatic asylums, and the regular physicians, nurses, and attendants therein; and all teachers regularly employed in institutions for the deaf, dumb, and blind.

XIII. All physicians who now are and have been for the last five years in the actual practice of their profession; and in each apothecary store now established and doing business one practical apothecary, in good standing as such.

XIV. All artisans and mechanics employed in the manufacture of arms or ordnance of any kind, ordnance stores or other munitions of war, or army supplies, by the several States, or by contractors to furnish the same to the several State governments, whom the governor or secretary of state thereof may certify to be necessary to the same: *Provided*, The persons contracting with said State governments shall make oath in writing, to be filed with the Secretary of War, that said employees are indispensable, on account of their skill, to the successful performance of their contracts.

XV. All persons engaged, under the authority of the Secretary of the Navy, in the construction of ships, gunboats, engines, sails, or other articles necessary for the public defense.

XVI. Superintendents, mechanics, and miners employed in the production and manufacture of lead and iron; also persons engaged in burning coke for the smelting and manufacture of iron; regular miners in coal mines; and one collier to each furnace and forge for making blooms and pig and bar iron; but said exemptions shall not apply to laborers, messengers, and wagoners, except at works employed exclusively for the State or Confederate governments: *Provided*, That persons interested in the exemption from military duty of said superintendents, mechanics, miners, and colliers shall make affidavit in writing that said persons are skilled in said labor, and are indispensable to such works, and that after diligent effort they have been unable to procure superintendents, mechanics, miners, and colliers who have been discharged from the Provisional Army, or who are not subject to military duty.

XVII. Such other persons as the President shall be satisfied ought to be exempted on account of justice, equity, or necessity.

Sec. 2. That all exemptions granted by law shall only continue whilst the person is holding the office, or engaged in the pursuit or occupation by reason of which the exemption was granted; and nothing in this act, or any other in relation to exemptions, shall be construed so as to exempt agents, clerks, or other persons employed by officers in the Quartermaster, Commissary, or other departments of the Government, unless such agents or clerks are allowed by law, and their fees or salaries fixed by law; nor shall anything herein contained be construed so as to authorize the discharge of any one now in the military service of the Confederate Government.

Sec. 3. That all laws and parts of laws providing for exemptions from military service are hereby repealed; and no person exempted under previously existing laws shall continue to be exempted unless embraced within the provisions and on the terms and conditions of this act. The provisions of this act shall apply to all persons between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years not in the military service. But this act shall not repeal an act passed at the present session of Congress, entitled "An act to exempt contractors for carrying the mails of the Confederate States and the drivers of post coaches and hacks from military service."

On motion by Mr. Hill, that the bill be postponed indefinitely,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas -----	4
	{ Nays -----	18

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Clark, Hill, Johnson of Georgia, and Johnson of Arkansas. Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Clay, Davis, Haynes, Henry, Hunter, Maxwell, Mitchel, Orr, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, Wigfall, and Yancey.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Phelan, After debate,

Mr. Haynes demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being put,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	15
	{ Nays	7

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Henry, Hill,
Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow,
Wigfall, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Clark, Davis, Haynes, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas,
Mitchel, and Orr.

On motion by Mr. Yancey, to amend the amendment last agreed to
by adding thereto the following:

SEC. 5. That this act shall not be construed to interfere with existing contracts or
arrangements for the present year, by conscribing persons employed as overseers of
plantations.

It was determined in the negative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the
Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third
time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Davis, the title was amended so as to read: "An
act to exempt certain persons from military duty, and to repeal the
acts heretofore passed by Congress on the same subject."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House
of Representatives in the amendment.

The bills received this day from the House of Representatives for
concurrence were severally read the first and second times.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 45 be referred to the Committee
on Military Affairs; that the bill numbered 46 be referred to the Com-
mittee on Claims, and that the bill numbered 47 be referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary.

The joint resolution (H. R. 13) to establish a seal for the Confederate
States was read the first and second times and considered as in Com-
mittee of the Whole; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

Mr. Sparrow (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 125) to ratify and confirm the acquisition by the Govern-
ment of certain property;
which was read the first and second times and referred to the Commit-
tee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sparrow (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 126) to provide for the compensation of certain persons
therein named;
which was read the first and second times and referred to the Commit-
tee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, the Senate resolved into secret legis-
lative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 48) allowing hospital accommodations to sick and wounded officers; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Davis,
The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Barnwell, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 18) to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States, reported

That they have met the committee on the part of the House of Representatives, and, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House of Representatives agree to the amendment of the Senate to the said bill, with the following amendments:

In section 1, first line, strike out the words "a tax of fifteen per centum" and insert "there."

In section 1, line 10, after the word "next," insert the words "and not necessary for family consumption for the unexpired portion of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-three."

In section 1, line 7, strike out the words "not owned by the producers" and insert the words "held or owned."

In section 1, lines 8, 9, and 10, strike out the following words: "and on the value of all naval stores, cotton, wool, and tobacco owned by the producers on the first day of July next," and in the eleventh line, after the word "growth," insert the words "or production."

In section 1, line 13, strike out the word "five" and insert the word "eight."

In section 1, line 14, strike out the words "Confederate or State Treasury notes."

In section 1, lines 16, 17, 18, and 19, strike out the words "and on all credits on which the holder has refused to receive Treasury notes in payment, a tax of two per centum," and insert "and on the value of all credits on which the interest has not been paid, held, or owned by any person, copartnership, or corporation on the first day of July next, and not employed in a business the income derived from which is taxed under the provisions of this act, there shall be levied and collected a tax of one per centum."

Strike out, in section 5, tenth and eleventh clauses, from line 123 to 135, inclusive, the words

"Keepers of hotels, inns, taverns, and boarding houses shall pay forty dollars. Every place where food and lodgings are provided for and furnished travelers, sojourners, or boarders, in view of payment therefor, shall be regarded as a hotel, inn, tavern, or boarding house under this act.

"XI. Keepers of eating houses shall pay forty dollars. Every place where food or refreshments of any kind are provided for casual visitors, and sold for consumption therein, shall be deemed an eating house under this act," and insert as follows:

"Hotels, inns, taverns, and eating houses shall be classified and rated according to the yearly rental; or, if not rented, according to the estimated value of the yearly rental of the house or property occupied or intended to be occupied as a hotel, inn, tavern, or eating house, as follows, to wit: In cases where the actual or estimated rent shall amount to ten thousand dollars or more they shall constitute the first class, and pay an annual sum of five hundred dollars; in cases where said rent shall be five thousand dollars and less than ten thousand dollars they shall constitute the second class, and pay an annual sum of three hundred dollars; and in cases where said rent shall be two thousand five hundred dollars and less than five thousand dollars they shall constitute the third class, and pay an annual sum of two hundred dollars; in

cases where said rent shall be one thousand dollars and less than two thousand five hundred dollars they shall constitute the fourth class, and pay an annual sum of one hundred dollars; and in cases where said rent shall be less than one thousand dollars they shall constitute the fifth class, and pay an annual sum of thirty dollars. Every place where food and lodgings, or lodgings only, are provided for and furnished travelers, sojourners, or boarders, in view of payment therefor, the income or receipts from which amount to five hundred dollars from that source, shall be regarded a hotel, inn, or tavern under this act.

"XI. That every place where food or refreshments of any kind are provided for casual visitors, and sold for consumption therein, and every boarding house in which there shall be six boarders or more shall be deemed an eating house under this act."

Insert, in section 5, line 143, after the word "brokers," the words "or commission merchants."

Insert, in section 5, line 157, after the word "broker," the words "or commission merchant."

Strike out, in section 6, line 5, the word "collector" and insert the word "assessor."

Strike out, in section 6, line 13, the word "collector" and insert the word "assessor."

Insert, section 8, line 7, after the word "business," the words "whether registered or not."

Insert, in section 8, line 11, after the word "whatever," the words "except salaries."

Insert, in section 8, line 51, after the word "from," the words "boat or."

Strike out, in section 8, lines 84, 85, and 86, the following words: "except the interest on Confederate bonds, stocks, and call certificates, which shall be exempt from taxation."

Insert, in section 8, line 90, after the word "States," as follows:

"And, in estimating income, there shall be included the value of the estimated annual rental of all dwellings, houses, buildings, or building lots in cities, towns, or villages occupied by the owners, or owned or not occupied or hired, and the value of the estimated annual hire of all slaves not engaged on plantations or farms, and not employed in some business or occupation the profits of which are taxed as income under this act."

Strike out, in section 8, from line 94 to 108, inclusive, the words "All incomes received during the year, between five hundred dollars and fifteen hundred dollars, shall pay a tax of five per cent on their amount; and all incomes received during the year, between fifteen hundred dollars and ten thousand dollars, shall pay a tax of ten per cent on their amount. All incomes received during the year, between ten thousand dollars and fifteen thousand dollars, shall pay a tax of twelve and a half per cent on their amount; and all incomes received during the year, of more than fifteen thousand dollars, shall pay a tax of fifteen per centum on their amount," and insert the following: "On all incomes received during the year of over five hundred dollars, and not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars, a tax of five per cent shall be paid; and all incomes over fifteen hundred dollars, and less than three thousand dollars, five per cent shall be paid on the first fifteen hundred dollars and ten per cent on the excess; on all incomes of or over three thousand dollars, and less than five thousand dollars, a tax of ten per cent shall be paid; on all incomes of or over five thousand dollars, and less than ten thousand dollars, a tax of twelve and a half per cent shall be paid; and on all incomes of or over ten thousand dollars, a tax of fifteen per cent shall be paid."

Strike out, in section 8, lines 115 and 116, the words "The tax hereby laid shall be payable on the first of January next."

Strike out, in section 8, from line 124 to 137, inclusive, the words "*Provided, however,* That the incomes and profits of farmers and planters derived from the nine-tenths of the wheat, corn, oats, rye, barley, buckwheat, hay, fodder, sugar, cotton, wool, tobacco, peas, ground peas, beans, or bacon left in the hands of said farmers and planters, after deducting the one-tenth hereafter required to be paid in kind to the Government, and of the horses, mules, and asses, by persons raising the same, herein taxed, are hereby excepted from any other tax under this act," and insert the following: "*Provided,* That the incomes and profits upon which the above tax is to be imposed shall not be deemed to include the products of land which are taxed in kind as hereinafter described."

Insert, in section 8, line 148, after the word "aforesaid," the words "the tax levied in this section shall be paid on the first day of January next, and of each year thereafter."

Insert the following independent section, after section 9, as section 10:

"Sec. 10. On all profits made by any person, partnership, or corporation during the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two, by the purchase, within the Confederate

States, and sale during the said year, of any flour, corn, bacon, pork, oats, hay, rice, salt, iron, or the manufactures of iron, sugar, molasses made of cane, butter, woolen cloths, shoes, boots, blankets, and cotton cloths, a tax of ten per cent shall be levied and collected, to be paid on the first day of July next: *Provided*, That the tax imposed by this section shall not apply to purchases and sales made in the due course of the regular retail business, and shall not continue beyond the present year."

Insert, in section 10, line 3, after the word "use," the words "fifty bushels of sweet potatoes and fifty bushels of Irish potatoes."

Strike out, in section 10, line 4, before the word "bushels," the words "and thirty" and insert the words "and fifty."

Strike out, in section 10, line 8, the word "barley," and in same line, after the word "rice," insert "sweet and Irish potatoes."

Strike out, in section 10, line 35, the words "if the crops are gathered."

Insert, in section 10, line 36, after the word "amount," the words "of the crops."

Strike out, in section 10, line 51, the word "barley."

Insert, in section 10, line 71, after the word "transportation," the words "and shall allow to the producer of molasses the cost of the barrels containing the same."

Strike out, in section 11, line 3, the word "before" and insert "about."

Insert, in section 11, line 17, before the word "and," where it first occurs, and after the word "mules," the words "not used in cultivation."

Insert, in section 12, line 3, after the word "one," the words "herein denominated post quartermaster."

Strike out, in section 12, lines 5 and 6, the words "herein denominated post quartermaster."

Strike out, in section 12, line 60, the words "to such places" and insert in line 61, after the word "subsistence," the words "to such places."

Insert, in section 12, line 66, after the word "been," the words "or will be."

Insert, in section 12, line 76, after the word "kind," the words "or any of them."

Insert, in section 12, line 80, after the word "estimate," the words "and not required in kind."

Insert, in section 15, line 2, after the word "hospitals," the word "asylums."

Strike out, in section 15, lines 2 and 3, the words "which have been endowed."

In numbering the sections from number 10 to number 17, both inclusive, strike out 10 and insert 11; strike out 11 and insert 12; strike out 12 and insert 13; strike out 13 and insert 14; strike out 14 and insert 15; strike out 15 and insert 16; strike out 16 and insert 17; and strike out 17 and insert 18.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report; and

Resolved, That they concur therein and that the bill be amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nominations of John D. Simms, Jacob Read, John R. F. Tattnell, Andrew J. Hays, George Holmes, Reuben T. Thom, A. C. Van Benthuyssen, Julius E. Meiere, George P. Turner, and Thomas S. Wilson, to be captains in the Marine Corps.

On motion by Mr. Clay, that the nominations be laid on the table,

Mr. Brown demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being put,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas-----	9
	{ Nays-----	12

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Clay, Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the affirmative [negative] are,
Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Caperton, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Peyton, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, and Sparrow.

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to these appointments?

Mr. Brown demanded the question; which was not seconded.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the nominations be postponed till to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

· SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 12) authorizing the payment of rent for the building occupied by the Quartermaster's Department, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 12) last mentioned; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

Ordered, That the Committee on Printing be discharged from the further consideration of the following subjects:

S. 113. A bill to provide for the completion of the printing of 3,000 copies of the Provisional and Permanent Constitutions, and of the public acts and resolutions and treaties of the Provisional Government of the Confederate States; and

Amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 98) in relation to the public printing.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by Mr. Wigfall on the 2d instant, to reconsider the vote on passing the bill (S. 56) to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts," approved October 9, 1862; and

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas-----	10
	{ Nays-----	14

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Clark, Clay, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Oldham, Orr, Peyton, Wigfall, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Mitchel, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, and Sparrow.

So the Senate refused to reconsider the vote on passing the said bill.

Mr. Semmes submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That the vote on indefinitely postponing the bill (S. 114) to confer upon the chief of the Bureau of Ordnance the rank, pay, and emoluments of a brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States be reconsidered.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution of the House of Representatives fixing a day for the adjournment of Congress.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the resolution by striking out "Monday, the twentieth April," and inserting "Friday, the first day of May."

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That the resolution lie on the table.

The bill (H. R. 48) allowing hospital accommodations to sick and wounded officers was read the first and second times and referred to the Special Committee on Hospitals.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 75) to provide for having the laws relating to military and naval affairs digested and published; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Printing.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dixon, their Clerk:

Mr. President: I am directed by the House of Representatives to communicate to the Senate information of the death of the Hon. William M. Cooke, late a member of the House of Representatives from the State of Missouri, and the proceedings of the House thereon.

Mr. Clark submitted the following resolutions; which were considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Senate receives with sincere regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable William M. Cooke, late a member of the House of Representatives from the State of Missouri, and tenders to the relatives of the deceased the assurance of their sympathy with them under the bereavement they have been called to sustain.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to transmit to the family of Mr. Cooke a certified copy of the foregoing resolution.

Resolved (as a further mark of respect for the memory of the deceased), That the Senate do now adjourn.

Whereupon,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

H. R. 25. An act to make appropriations for ironclad and other war steamers, steam engines, and other supplies contracted for abroad; and

S. 58. An act to establish a volunteer navy.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Dortch,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nominations of John D. Simms, Jacob Read, John R. F. Tattnall, Andrew J. Hays, George Holmes, Reuben T. Thom, A. C. Van Benthuyssen, Julius E. Meiere, George P. Turner, Thomas S. Wilson, to be captains of Marine Corps.

Mr. Clay submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That it appearing to the Senate that Captain Reuben Thom was first appointed a captain of the Marine Corps of the Confederate States, and raised the first company of that corps; that Captains Simms, Read, Tattnall, Hays, and Holmes were appointed subsequently, and one or more of them under a subsequent act of Congress; that these officers were not captains, but only lieutenants in the United States service; and that the first section of act No. 146, of Provisional Congress, approved May twentieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, does not entitle them to rank Captain Thom (as construed by the Secretary of the Navy in his recommendation of those officers to the President of thirtieth September, eighteen hundred and sixty-two); that the list of nominations of captains of the Marine Corps sent to the Senate on October four, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, be respectfully returned to the President, that he may, upon consideration of the facts and the law referred to, renominate them to the Senate in such order of rank as he may deem just and proper.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution; and

After debate,

It was disagreed to, { Yeas	-----	12
{ Nays	-----	12

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Clark, Clay, Davis, Dortch, Haynes, Johnson of Arkansas, Orr, Phelan, Semmes, Wigfall, and Yancey.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Caperton, Henry, Hill, Hunter; Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Oldham, Peyton, Simms, and Sparrow.

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of John D. Simms, Jacob Read, John R. F. Tattnall, Andrew J. Hays, George Holmes, Reuben T. Thom, A. C. Van Benthuyssen, Julius E. Meiere, George P. Turner, and Thomas S. Wilson, to be captains in the Marine Corps?

It was determined in the affirmative.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Dortch,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Mitchel presented a design for a flag for the Confederate States; which was referred to the Committee on Flag and Seal.

Mr. Johnson of Georgia presented a resolution of the general assembly of the State of Georgia in relation to increasing the monthly pay of privates and noncommissioned officers in the armies of the Confederate States; which was read and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia,

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Wigfall presented the memorial of Thomas Rooke, subcollector of the war tax for district No. 57 in the State of Texas, praying to be released from the payment of a certain sum of money lost by him; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 127) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide a staff and clerical force for any general who may be assigned by the President to duty at the seat of government," approved March 25, 1862; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 34) concerning fees of district attorneys, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 34) last mentioned; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the following bills:

H. R. 36. An act to amend the first section of an act entitled "An act to amend the laws relative to the compensation of the attorneys of the Confederate States," approved March 15, 1861;

H. R. 37. An act to authorize the President to offer rewards for the apprehension of fugitives from justice; and

H. R. 38. An act supplemental to an act to establish judicial courts in certain Indian Territories, approved February 15, 1862, reported them severally without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bills; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 47) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the safe custody, printing, publication, and distribution of the laws, and to provide for the appointment of an additional clerk in the Department of Justice," approved August 5, 1861, and that it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 125) to ratify and confirm the acquisition by the Government of certain property, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 125) last mentioned; and

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Resolved, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 8) relating to martial law, reported it with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the resolution be printed.

Mr. Caperton, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 124) fixing the salary of the judge of the district court of the eastern district of Virginia, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 124) last mentioned; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

On the question,

Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

Mr. Caperton, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 116) to authorize the Secretary of War to purchase or lease real estate, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 116) last mentioned; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Davis, it was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Brown (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 128) to authorize the appointment of a chief constructor in the Navy, and to fix the pay; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Brown, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the President pro tempore appoint two additional members on the Committee on Naval Affairs.

And Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Dortch were appointed.

Mr. Maxwell, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the bill (S. 121) to fix the salary of the Commissioner of Patents, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 121) last mentioned; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question,

Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on Claims, to whom were referred the following bills:

H. R. 44. An act for the relief of John Prosser Tabb; and

H. R. 46. An act for the relief of Lieut. Thomas T. Kirtland, reported them severally without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bills; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Phelan, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 75) to provide for having the laws relating to military and naval affairs digested and published, reported them with the recommendation that the Senate do not concur therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the said bill; and

Resolved, That they disagree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 112) to facilitate transportation for the Government; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to and made the special order for to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

On motion by Mr. Peyton,

Ordered, That the bill (H. R. 31) to provide for the relief of officers and soldiers who have been irregularly introduced into the military service of the Confederate States be printed.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 14th instant, approved and signed an act (S. 97) to exempt contractors for carrying the mails of the Confederate States and the drivers of post coaches and hacks from military service.

On the 16th instant the President approved and signed the following acts and joint resolution:

S. 17. An act relating to appeals from the Commissioner of Patents;

S. 24. An act to authorize the Commissioner of Patents to purchase books for the library of the Patent Office;

S. 41. An act to amend the several acts prescribing the mode of publishing the laws and resolutions of the Confederate States;

S. 43. An act for the relief of the Brunswick and Albany Railroad Company;

S. 78. An act to prevent the absence of officers and soldiers without leave;

S. 100. An act to amend an act to establish the Bureau of Indian Affairs;

S. 103. An act to authorize the increase of the compensation of route agents, and to increase the per diem allowance to special agents of the Post-Office Department; and

S. 1. Joint resolution for the relief of Capt. John F. Divine.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., April 18, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, in response to your resolution of the 2d instant, and stating that no orders have been issued for the arrest and confinement of soldiers in Richmond whose furloughs have not expired.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., April 18, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, covering an estimate of the amount required to liquidate claims to be paid for river defense service.

I recommend an appropriation of the amount for the purpose specified.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., April 18, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, covering an estimate of the amount required for the use of the Surgeon-General before the close of the current fiscal year.

I recommend an appropriation of the amount for the purpose specified.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., April 20, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering copies of the official reports of several engagements with the enemy.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The messages were severally read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 69) for the confiscation of the leasehold interest and shares of stock owned by the American Telegraph Company and other alien enemies in the lines of telegraph in the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Caperton, that the bill be postponed indefinitely, After debate,

Mr. Haynes demanded the question; which was seconded, and The question being put,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas.....	9
	{ Nays.....	10

On motion by Mr. Orr,
The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,
Messrs. Barnwell, Caperton, Davis, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Phelan, Semmes, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,
Messrs. Brown, Clark, Clay, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, and Peyton.

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the seventh section the following proviso:

Provided further, That nothing contained in this act shall be so construed as to prejudice or impair the titles, rights, and interests of any citizen of the Confederate States, or of any alien friend,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Clay,
The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.
The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 13th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 7) to prohibit the punishment of soldiers by whipping.

On the 16th instant he approved and signed the following acts:

H. R. 10. An act to allow minors to hold commissions in the Army;

H. R. 12. An act for the relief of certain officers and soldiers from the State of Missouri; and

H. R. 27. An act explanatory of an act entitled "An act to authorize the President to accept and place in the service certain regiments and battalions heretofore raised," approved on the 11th October, 1862.

And on the 17th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 33) to provide for the execution of deeds by marshals in certain cases.

On motion by Mr. Oldham,
The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: On the 16th instant the President of the Confederate States approved and signed an act (S. 52) to fix the rank of officers in the military and naval service of the Confederate States holding commissions under the Provisional Government when reappointed to offices of the same grade under the Permanent Government.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 2) relative to the plan of retaliation proposed in the President's message, with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the joint resolution (S. 2) last mentioned; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow, and that it be printed in confidence for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, April 18, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I herewith transmit for your information, in executive session, a communication from the Secretary of State, in response to your resolution of the 13th instant, and setting forth generally the reasons upon which I have deemed it expedient to send a commissioner to Russia.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Maxwell presented a memorial of citizens of the State of Florida, praying for the establishment of a port of entry at Gainesville, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Haynes submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved (the House of Representatives concurring), That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives adjourn their respective Houses on Monday, the twenty-seventh of April, at twelve o'clock meridian.

Mr. Oldham presented the memorial of C. G. Forshey, praying for the passage of an act authorizing payment to be made to him for services rendered as engineer of the Texas coast defenses; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 129) to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate impressments by officers of the Army;" which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar.

Mr. Clay, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 109) to provide for retiring officers of the Army, reported it with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That the bill and amendment be printed.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 14) to authorize newspapers to be mailed to soldiers free of postage, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said amendment; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 119) to declare Treasury notes and bonds, inclosed in boxes for transportation by the Treasury Department, mailable matter, and to regulate the rates of postage, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 119) last mentioned; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 118) to authorize the establishment of express mails, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 118) last mentioned; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 4) in relation to the free navigation of the Mississippi River; and

On motion by Mr. Clark,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 105) to provide for the conscription of aliens resident in the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Clay, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until the second Monday in December next,

After debate,

The hour fixed for the consideration of the special order of the day having arrived, the President pro tempore announced the same;

When,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 112) to facilitate transportation for the Government; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to and made the special order for to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 105) to provide for the conscription of aliens resident in the Confederate States.

On the question to agree to the motion submitted by Mr. Clay, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until the second Monday in December next,

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the bill be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 26) for the assessment and collection of taxes, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 26) last mentioned.

The reported amendments having been agreed to,

On motion by Mr. Phelan, further to amend the bill by inserting the following independent section:

SEC. —. That any person who may hereafter refuse to accept the Treasury notes of the Confederate States at par in payment of any debt, shall estimate said debt at ten times its actual amount in his estimate of credits due him,

It was determined in the negative, {	Yeas-----	6
	Nays-----	14

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Dortch, Henry, Johnson of Georgia, Phelan, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Clay, Davis, Haynes, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Mitchel, Orr, Semmes, and Simms.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments made as in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time as amended.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, reported

A bill (S. 130) supplementary to an act to provide for the funding and further issue of Treasury notes; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

Ordered, That it be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill of the Senate (S. 89) to abolish supernumerary offices in the Commissary's and Quartermaster's Departments.

And they have passed a bill (H. R. 49) regulating the granting of furloughs and discharges in hospitals; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills and an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

H. R. 32. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for an increase of the Quartermaster and Commissary Departments," approved February 15, 1862;

H. R. 42. An act to liquidate a claim due to the State of Alabama for the steamer Florida; and

H. R. 9. Joint resolution for the relief of H. H. Epping.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The bill (H. R. 49) regulating the granting of furloughs and discharges in hospitals, received this day for concurrence from the House of Representatives, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Haynes, fixing a day for the adjournment of Congress; and

The resolution having been amended, was agreed to as follows:

Resolved (the House of Representatives concurring), That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives adjourn their respective Houses, sine die, on Friday, the first day of May next, at two o'clock postmeridian.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Orr on the 13th instant, authorizing the Secretary of the Senate to employ such additional force in his office, during the remainder of the present session, as may be necessary to keep up the business of the Senate; and

The resolution was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Davis, that the vote on passing the resolution fixing Friday, the first day of May next, for the adjournment of the present session of Congress, be reconsidered,

It was determined in the negative.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 106) to create a provisional navy of the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, the Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 130) supplementary to an act to provide for the funding and further issue of Treasury notes.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by adding thereto the following proviso:

Provided, That said bonds shall in no case be sold for Treasury notes issued prior to the month of April, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-three,

It was determined in the negative.

No amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ----- 15
Nays ----- 5

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Oldham, Peyton, Semmes, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Clark, Clay, Johnson of Arkansas, Orr, and Phelan.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 105) to provide for the conscription of aliens resident in the Confederate States; and

On the question to agree to the motion submitted by Mr. Clay, that the further consideration thereof be postponed until the second Monday in December next,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 110) to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to lease a site, near the city of Richmond, for the preparation and safe-keeping of ordnance stores.

And they have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 50. An act to amend an act relative to prisoners of war, approved May 21, 1861;

H. R. 51. An act to fix the pay and allowances of the master armorer of the Confederate States Armory at Richmond, Va.;

H. R. 52. An act to regulate the payment of commutation for transportation to officers in the military service of the Confederate States;

H. R. 53. An act placing all clerks in the civil employment of the Government in the city of Richmond upon the same footing as clerks of the executive department;

H. R. 54. An act to prohibit the improper employment of soldiers;

H. R. 55. An act to provide for the appointment of military storekeepers in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States; and

H. R. 56. An act [to provide] for the appointment of a superintendent of laboratories.

The bills this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 53 be referred to the Committee on Finance and that the bills numbered 50, 51, 52, 54, 55, and 56 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Simms (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 14) relative to the treatment of prisoners of war by the enemy; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 131) to increase the pay of third assistant engineers in the Navy;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 11) to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to audit the accounts of L. Merchant & Co., for supplies furnished the cutter Morgan, and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the following subjects:

A message from the President of the Confederate States, transmitting an estimate of the amount required for the use of the Surgeon-General before the close of the current fiscal year; and

A message from the President of the Confederate States, transmitting an estimate of the amount required to liquidate claims to be paid for river-defense service;

And that they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the message of the President of the Confederate States, transmitting copies of the official reports of various engagements with the enemy, reported the same.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 30) to punish forgery and counterfeiting, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 43) for the relief of S. B. Lowe, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial in behalf of certain destitute families taken from and near the city of Pensacola, Fla., by military authority.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That Johannes Roth and Joseph Lawson have leave to withdraw their memorial and papers.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 40) to prescribe the rates of postage on newspapers, periodicals, books, and transient and other matter, and to repeal in part the second section of the act approved May 13, 1861, to amend an act to prescribe the rates of postage in the Confederate States of America, and for other purposes, approved February 23, 1861, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 40) last mentioned; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Clay, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 22) to regulate the pay of the officers formerly belonging to the revenue service of the United States, and now in the employment of the Confederate States, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Flag and Seal, reported

A bill (S. 132) to establish the flag of the Confederate States; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Simms, from the Special Committee on Hospitals, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 48) allowing hospital accommodations to sick and wounded officers, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 48) last mentioned; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 112) to facilitate transportation for the Government; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to and made the special [order] for to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 126) to provide for the compensation of certain persons therein named, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 126) last mentioned, and the reported amendments were agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Clark, to amend the bill by inserting after "day," line 10, the words "in lieu of rations and all other allowances,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, to amend the bill by striking therefrom the words "or in performing other constant labor, apart from their ordinary service for more than twenty days,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Clay, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the memorial of citizens of the State of Florida, praying for the establishment of a port of entry at Gainesville, in that State, reported adversely thereon.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 109) to provide for retiring officers of the Army.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment:
Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

That all general officers commanding armies, corps, divisions, or brigades, all colonels or officers commanding regiments or battalions, shall report monthly to the Secretary of War, through the regular channels, all officers under their immediate command or connected with their respective staffs, who are or may be absent from their command, post, or duty, without leave, whereupon such officers, so absent, shall be at once dropped by orders: *Provided*, That for satisfactory reasons it shall be lawful to suspend such order for explanation: *And provided further*, That nothing herein contained shall operate to exempt any officer so dropped from conscription.

SEC. 2. That all disbursing officers of the Army shall be required to make full quarterly returns, twenty days after the expiration of each quarter, and any officer failing within three months of the expiration of the quarter to make proper returns, shall, upon the fact of such failure being reported to the Secretary of War, be dropped from the Army by order: *Provided*, As in the first section of this act.

SEC. 3. That it shall be the duty of the chiefs of the several departments to whom quarterly returns are to be made, to report to the Secretary of War all cases of failure, under the second section of this act, occurring in his department,

On motion by Mr. Clark, to amend the reported amendment by striking out, section 1, line 7, the word "so" and inserting "if," and by inserting after "absent," in the same line, the words "for one month or more,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to promote the efficiency of the Army and to secure prompt returns from disbursing officers."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 129) to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate impressments by officers of the Army;" and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas.....	18
	{ Nays.....	3

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Burnett, Clark, Clay, Davis, Dortch,

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, that the last-mentioned vote be reconsidered,

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: On the 16th instant the President of the Confederate States approved and signed an act (S. 85) to establish a preferred mail across the Mississippi River.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 18th instant, approved and signed an act (S. 58) to establish a volunteer navy.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 133) to amend an act entitled "An act to make appropriations for ironclad and other war steamers, steam engines, and other supplies contracted for abroad;"

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Barnwell (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 15) in regard to estimates from the several Departments;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., April 21, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I herewith transmit for your information, in secret session, a communication from the Secretary of War, in response to your resolution of the 11th instant, in reference to the revocation of restrictions upon commerce across the Rio Grande.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., April 21, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I herewith transmit for your information, in secret session, a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, in response to your resolution of the 11th instant, inquiring as to the terms on which cotton has been sold in foreign markets under cover of certificates referred to in his report dated January 10, 1862. From the report it appears that cotton has not been thus sold.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of S. G. French, John H. Forney, D. H. Maury, John G. Walker, Arnold Elzey, P. R. Cleburne, D. S. Donelson, E. Johnson, W. H. C. Whiting, to be major-generals; Francis T. Nicholls, Preston Smith, Alfred Cumming, William S. Walker, Joseph Wheeler, George Doles, Carnot Posey, M. D. Corse, G. T. Anderson, E. L. Thomas, S. D. Ramseur, J. R. Cooke, J. B. Robertson, E. F. Paxton, Evander McNair, W. G. M. Davis, Archibald Gracie, jr., W. R. Boggs, James C. Tappan, Dandridge McRae, Stephen D. Lee, John Pegram, John A. Wharton, A. Buford, William T. Martin, John H. Morgan, Marcus J. Wright, Z. C. Deas, R. W. Hanson, Lucius E. Polk, James Cantey, W. H. Jackson, Alfred E. Jackson, to be brigadier-generals, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the nomination of Alfred Iverson, to be brigadier-general, reported the same.

The Senate proceeded to consider said nomination; and

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, that it be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs,

After debate,

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being put,

It was determined in the affirmative.

So it was

Resolved, That the nomination of Alfred Iverson, to be brigadier-general, be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 18th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 29) to amend an act entitled "An act to secure copyrights to authors and composers," approved May 21, 1861.

The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 57) authorizing the President to confer upon the Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance and the Chief of Engineer Bureau the rank, pay, and allowances of brigadier-general in the Provisional Army; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Brown (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 134) to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act recognizing the existence of war between the United States and the Confederate States, and concerning letters of marque, prizes, and prize goods,' approved May sixth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one," approved May 21, 1861, and numbered 170 of the acts of the second session of the Provisional Congress of 1861; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the following subjects:

A message from the President of the Confederate States, transmitting reports of certain engagements with the enemy;

A message from the President of the Confederate States, communicating the reports of Generals Polk, Hardee, and Cheatham, of the part borne by their respective commands in the battle of Shiloh, on the 6th and 7th of April, 1862;

A resolution inquiring into the propriety of so amending the existing laws that privates from any State enlisted in regiments from other States may be transferred to regiments from their own State without the consent of their company and regimental commanders;

A resolution inquiring into the propriety and expediency of building a railroad or a plank road, from Clinton, in the parish of East Feliciana, Louisiana, to intersect the New Orleans and Jackson Railroad at the most eligible point, so as to complete the connection between Jackson, Miss., and Port Hudson, La., etc.;

Memorial of W. H. S. Taylor, Second Auditor of the Treasury Department, praying for increased compensation; and

Memorial of Thomas M. Le Baron, major and quartermaster, praying an increase of the salaries of persons employed in his office.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the following bills:

H. R. 50. An act to amend an act relative to prisoners of war, approved May 21, 1861;

H. R. 51. An act to fix the pay and allowances of the master armorer of the Confederate States armory at Richmond, Va.; and

H. R. 52. An act to regulate the payment of commutation for transportation to officers in the military service of the Confederate States; reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 54) to prohibit the improper employment of soldiers, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill (S. 135) to provide for the payment of certain officers who have been irregularly appointed or have been appointed without authority of law in the military service of the Confederate States; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,
Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the claim of C. Ireson Bradley, asking pay for services rendered as special provost-marshal.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,
Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the following subjects:

S. 122. A bill to allow compensation to William A. Addison as an acting assistant adjutant-general; and

Memorial of C. G. Forshey, praying for the passage of an act authorizing payment to be made to him for services rendered as engineer of the Texas coast defenses.

On motion by Mr. Clay,
Ordered, That the joint committee to investigate the management of the Naval Department under its present head be continued until the next session of Congress, and that they have leave to sit during the recess.

The bill (H. R. 57) authorizing the President to confer upon the Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance and the Chief of Engineer Bureau the rank, pay, and allowances of brigadier-general in the Provisional Army, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,
The Senate resolved into executive session.
The doors having been opened,

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

An act (H. R. 18) to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., April 23, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering copies of certain reports of the battle of Murfreesboro.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 136) to increase the salary of the Private Secretary of the President;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 18th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 25) to make appropriations for ironclad and other war steamers, steam engines, and other supplies contracted for abroad.

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the message of the President of the Confederate States in relation to the revocation of restrictions upon commerce across the Rio Grande, that it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and that the injunction of secrecy be removed therefrom and from the accompanying documents.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the proceedings of the Senate on the bill (H. R. 18) to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the joint resolution (S. 2) relative to the plan of retaliation proposed in the President's message; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Resolved, That the Senate disagree to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the said resolution and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Semmes, Mr. Johnson of Georgia, and Mr. Peyton were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., April 23, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration, in secret session, a communication from the Secretary of the Navy, submitting an estimate of the amount required to meet the charges upon exchange for the sum recently appropriated for the use of the Navy Department abroad.

I recommend an additional appropriation of the amount for the purpose specified, or such provision as will secure to the Department the use of the appropriation in funds current at the place where required.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 105) to provide for the conscription of aliens resident in the Confederate States.

The question being on agreeing to the motion submitted by Mr. Clay, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until the second Monday in December next,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of Samuel Cooper, Robert E. Lee, Joseph E. Johnston, G. T. Beauregard, to be generals, reported, with the recommendation that said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

On motion by Mr. Clay, that the further consideration of the nominations be postponed till to-morrow,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, to reconsider the vote on refusing to postpone the further consideration of the nominations till to-morrow,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	6
	{ Nays	11

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Clay, Johnson of Georgia, Oldham, Orr, Simms, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Caperton, Clark, Haynes, Henry, Hunter, Maxwell, Mitchel, Peyton, Phelan, and Sparrow.

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of Samuel Cooper, Robert E. Lee, Joseph E. Johnston, G. T. Beauregard, to be generals?

It was determined in the affirmative.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of Samuel Cooper, Robert E. Lee, Joseph E. Johnston, G. T. Beauregard, to be generals, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of Isaac R. Trimble, Jubal A. Early, to be major-generals; James H. Lane, Camillus J. Polignac, William Smith, Robert B. Vance, E. C. Walthall, Robert F. Hoke, H. L. Benning, W. T. Wofford, Samuel McGowan, M. A. Stovall, George B. Cosby, Frank C. Armstrong, W. L. Cabell, to be brigadier-generals; Jos. M. Jayne, John E. Penn, to be colonels; John J. Wade, H. A. Edmundson, John E. Penn, to be lieutenant-colonels; John S. Deyerle, John E. Penn, to be majors; R. Channing Price, Alfred Hoffman, W. Duncan McKim, J. F. Girault, to be assistant adjutants-general, with the rank of major; St. Jules Rondot, Charles J. Mastin, Emile P. Guillet, S. A. Moreno, John A. Barksdale, W. N. Worthington, A. H. Patton, John J. Reese, J. R. Fellows, William M. Magenis, H. W. Feilden, C. B. Duffield, A. N. Mills, to be assistant adjutants-general, with the rank of captain; Henry

Irwin, S. S. Kirkland, F. von Phul, E. A. Hawkins, G. T. Smoote, James R. Crump, E. H. Gregory, M. M. Lindsay, A. L. Pitzer, W. G. Calloway, Jeff. B. Posey, William McCabe, S. C. Hepburn, F. C. Cox, E. Bredell, jr., B. Manning, E. T. Harris, John M. Sharp, William Egge-ling, S. P. Hanly, H. J. Brother, F. G. Lyon, Robert C. Stewart, Thomas G. Jones, Rufus J. Polk, McH. Howard, Fred. R. Blake, Richard T. Morrison, Benjamin F. Taylor, Andrew J. Watt, James H. Bate, Virginius Dabney, Thomas L. Macon, H. M. Stanard, B. H. Blanton, J. L. Bostick, W. W. Wilkins, Thomas J. Beall, Charles G. Elliott, Jesse W. Sparks, J. E. Drayton, Charles McCann, Samuel J. Corrie, William M. Peyton, E. Cunningham, John Dunlop, George H. Geiger, Henry B. Lee, C. F. Hampton, Samuel P. Jones, R. H. Morrison, jr., Lamar Cobb, E. Kearney, Alfred M. Erwin, F. B. Rodgers, Hugh F. Patton, W. S. Symington, J. C. H. Bryant, James Battle, D. W. Sanders, W. M. Hopkins, J. F. Ranson, Frank Steiner, Charles H. Rundell, William H. Wagner, Henry B. Estes, Clifton Walker, C. H. Richmond, Alexander Rose, R. B. George, Patrick Hamilton, Albert Belding, J. Little Smith, T. P. Hampton, Charles M. Davis, Oscar Lane, T. B. Thompson, W. C. Carrington, W. W. Herr, J. A. Shingleur, Robert Boggs, D. B. Taylor, Thomas C. Jackson, G. S. Worthington, S. D. Shannon, William McWillie, John G. Scott, Henry T. Botts, G. B. Lamar, C. T. Widney, E. B. Cherry, E. L. Lewis, John T. Ector, Farrar B. Conner, J. T. Brown, James C. Randle, John S. Smith, to be aids-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenant; D. C. Pearson, Howard Lindsley, to be captains; E. W. Anderson, J. L. S. Kirby, George Marchbanks, to be second lieutenants; and Jacob Brice, to be military storekeeper of ordnance, with rank of first lieutenant (in the Regular Army); J. L. Sehon, W. B. Richards, C. H. Jones, C. H. Suber, to be quartermasters, with the rank of major; W. V. Dead-erick, J. B. O'Bryan, John W. Green, William M. Sowers, E. H. Ewing, E. B. Faulkner, O. F. Weisiger, Felix Ducayet, E. P. Gaines, A. R. Venable, to be assistant quartermasters, with the rank of captain; Isaac Scherck, to be commissary, with the rank of major; F. G. Behre, George P. Elliott, to be assistant commissaries, with the rank of cap- tain, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of T. J. Freeman, B. M. Anderson, to be colonels; J. T. Cearnal, to be lieutenant-colonel; Richard Gaines, J. P. Thompson, to be majors; V. C. Cooke, E. Eastman, S. A. Doran, to be captains; W. M. Magenis, to be first lieutenant, reported the same with the recommendation that they lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

Resolved, That said nominations lie on the table.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the nomination of L. Peck, to be major, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be not confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do not advise and consent to the appoint- ment of L. Peck, to be major.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the nomination of William Johnston, to be assistant quartermaster, with the rank of captain, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That the nomination lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, that the vote confirming the nomination of John Pegram as brigadier-general be reconsidered,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the nomination be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *April 23, 1863.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Postmaster-General, I hereby nominate E. M. Burton, to be postmaster at Montgomery, Ala.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 23, 1863.

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend E. M. Burton, esq., for appointment as postmaster at Montgomery, Montgomery County, Ala., by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN H. REAGAN,
Postmaster-General.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the following bills:

H. R. 55. An act to provide for the appointment of military storekeepers in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States; and

H. R. 56. An act [to provide] for the appointment of a superintendent of laboratories;

reported them severally without amendment.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 57) authorizing the President to confer upon the Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance and the Chief of Engineer Bureau the rank, pay, and allowances of brigadier-general in the Provisional Army, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 137) to amend an act approved the 11th day of October, 1862, entitled "An act to raise an additional military force to serve during the war, approved the eighth of May, eighteen hundred and

sixty-one, and to provide for raising forces in the States of Missouri and Kentucky;" which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the message of the President of the Confederate States, transmitting copies of certain reports of the battle of Murfreesboro.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 94. An act to establish the form of fifty-cent Treasury notes;

S. 76. An act to regulate the extra pay allowed soldiers detailed for duty as clerks in the city of Richmond; and

S. 90. An act relative to certain bonds and Treasury notes issued under the provisions of the act approved May 16, 1861.

The two last named with amendments, in which they ask the concurrence of the Senate.

And they have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 58. An act to admit free of duty all machinery for the manufacture of cotton or wool, or necessary for carrying on any of the mechanic arts; and

H. R. 59. An act to continue and amend the third section of an act supplementary to an act concerning the pay and allowance due to deceased soldiers, approved February 15, 1862, and to provide for the prompt settlement of claims for arrearages of pay, allowance, and bounty due deceased officers and soldiers.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 22d instant he approved and signed the following bills and joint resolution:

H. R. 19. An act to establish a niter and mining bureau;

H. R. 32. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for an increase of the Quartermaster and Commissary Departments," approved February 15, 1862;

H. R. 42. An act to liquidate a claim due to the State of Alabama for the steamer Florida; and

H. R. 9. Joint resolution for the relief of H. H. Epping.

On motion by Mr. Clark, that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 16) in relation to the transfer of troops, and to repeal an act entitled "An act in relation to the transfer of troops," approved September 23, 1862,

After debate,

Mr. Haynes demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being put,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 9
Nays 12

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Clark, Dortch, Haynes, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Oldham, Peyton, Semmes, and Simms.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Caperton, Clay, Davis, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Orr, Phelan, and Wigfall.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 19. An act to amend an act to organize the clerical force of the Treasury Department;

S. 111. An act to authorize the issue of eight per cent bonds or certificates of stock in certain cases; and

S. 129. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate impressments by officers of the Army;"

severally, with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And they have passed a bill (H. R. 60) to declare the meaning and extend the provisions of an act entitled "An act to increase the pay of certain officers and employees in the executive and legislative departments," approved October 13, 1862; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bills received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 59 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and that the bills numbered 58 and 60 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 19) to amend an act to organize the clerical force of the Treasury Department; and

On motion by Mr. Simms,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 76) to regulate the extra pay allowed soldiers detailed for duty as clerks in the city of Richmond; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 90) relative to certain bonds and Treasury notes issued under the provisions of the act approved May 16, 1861; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 111) to authorize the issue of eight per cent bonds or certificates of stock in certain cases; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 129) to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate impressments by officers of the Army;" and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 109) to promote the efficiency of the Army and to secure prompt returns from disbursing officers.

On the question to agree to the motion submitted by Mr. Wigfall, to reconsider the vote on agreeing to the following amendment to the amendment reported from the Committee on Military Affairs, viz: After "explanation," section 1, line 9, insert the following proviso:

And provided, That one month be allowed the officer so reported as absent without leave to furnish reasons for his absence before the order dropping him shall issue; and in case satisfactory reasons for such absence shall be established after the issue of such order, the Secretary of War may revoke the same and reinstate the officer,

It was determined in the negative.

The reported amendment as amended was then agreed to.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to provide for dropping officers of the Army who are absent without leave."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

That the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (S. 69) for the confiscation of the leasehold interest and shares of stock owned by the American Telegraph Company and other alien enemies in the lines of telegraph in the Confederate States,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas-----	7
	{ Nays-----	10

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Clay, Haynes, Henry, Oldham, Orr, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Caperton, Clark, Davis, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Phelan, and Semmes.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 112) to facilitate transportation for the Government, and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 30) to punish forgery and counterfeiting; and, having been amended on the motion of Mr. Semmes, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 4) in relation to the free navigation of the Mississippi River; and

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 69) for the confiscation of the leasehold interest and shares of stock owned by the American Telegraph Company and other alien enemies in the lines of telegraph in the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Resolved, That it be postponed indefinitely.

On motion by Mr. Orr, that the vote on the indefinite postponement of the bill be reconsidered,

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.
 The doors having been opened,
 On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,
 The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 105) to provide for the conscription of aliens resident in the Confederate States.

The question being on agreeing to the motion submitted by Mr. Clay, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until the second Monday in December next,

Mr. Clay withdrew the same.

No amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

On the question,

Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 6
 { Nays 11

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Clark, Clay, Mitchel, Phelan, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Caperton, Davis, Haynes, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Orr, Peyton, and Simms.

So the bill was rejected.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 23, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 16, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ARTILLERY OFFICERS, UNDER ACT APPROVED JANUARY 22, 1862.

Capt. E. G. Dawson, of Georgia, to be major of artillery, for duty with Brig. Gen. H. W. Mercer, to rank from March 26, 1863.

Capt. W. Allan, of Virginia, to be major of artillery, for duty with Lieut. Col. B. G. Baldwin, to rank from March 17, 1863.

Capt. W. C. Preston, of South Carolina, to be major of artillery, for duty with Brig. Gen. R. S. Ripley, to rank from April 2, 1863.

T. D. Bertody, of Georgia, to be major of artillery, for duty with Col. E. C. Anderson, at Savannah, Ga., to rank from March 25, 1863.

John C. Haskell, of North Carolina, to be major of artillery, for duty with Maj. Gen. D. Harvey Hill, to rank from April 13, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 23, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 16, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

COMMANDANTS OF CAMPS OF INSTRUCTION AND ENROLLING OFFICERS.

Major.

R. M. Cox, of Kentucky, to be major, ordered to report for duty to Lieut. Col. E. D. Blake, commanding camp of instruction, Knoxville, Tenn., to rank from April 9, 1863.

Second lieutenant.

P. H. Duke, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant, ordered to report for duty to Gen. G. J. Rains, commanding Conscript Bureau, to rank from April 1, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 23, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate W. A. Walker, of South Carolina, to be major First South Carolina Cavalry Regiment (to fill original vacancy), to rank from April 2, 1863.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 15, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Major.

W. A. Walker, of South Carolina, to be major First South Carolina Cavalry Regiment (to fill original vacancy), to rank from April 2, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April —, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the annexed list to the ranks affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 23, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Brigadier-general.

Col. H. D. Clayton, of Alabama, to be brigadier-general, to command brigade now commanded by Brig. Gen. A. Cumming, to rank from April 22, 1863.

Aids-de-camp, with rank and pay of first lieutenant.

William Simpson, of ———, to report for duty to Brig. Gen. S. A. M. Wood, to rank from October 10, 1862.

John D. Rector, of Arkansas, to report to Brig. Gen. W. L. Cabell, to rank from March 4, 1863.

Thomas H. Kenan, of ———, to report to Brig. Gen. W. H. T. Walker, to rank from March 15, 1863.

Charles A. Bruslé, of Louisiana, to report to Brig. Gen. Louis Hébert, to rank from February 7, 1863.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 23, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively,

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 15, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

Lieut. Col. D. L. Clinch, of Georgia, to be colonel Fourth Georgia Cavalry Regiment (battalion increased to a regiment), January 16, 1863.

Lieut. Col. J. C. C. Sanders, of Alabama, to be colonel Eleventh Alabama Regiment, vice Col. G. Field, resigned September 11, 1862.

Lieut. Col. J. P. Nuckols, of Kentucky, to be colonel Fourth Kentucky Regiment, vice Col. R. P. Trabue, deceased February 28, 1863.

Lieut. Col. W. R. Aylett, of Virginia, to be colonel Fifty-third Virginia Regiment, vice Col. J. Grammer, jr., resigned March 5, 1863.

Lieut. Col. A. D. Frederick, of South Carolina, to be colonel Second South Carolina Artillery Regiment, vice Col. T. G. Lamar, deceased October 17, 1862.

Lieut. Col. Winchester Hall, of Louisiana, to be colonel Twenty-sixth Louisiana Regiment, vice Col. J. D. Cage, resigned November 25, 1862.

Lieut. Col. Squire Boone, of Arkansas, to be colonel Twenty-first Arkansas Regiment, vice James H. Hobbs, resigned August 22, 1862.

Lieut. Col. J. M. Hall, of Alabama, to be colonel Fifth Alabama Regiment, vice Col. C. C. Pegues, deceased July 17, 1862.

Lieut. Col. Charles A. Derby, of Alabama, to be colonel Forty-fourth Alabama Regiment, vice Col. James Kent, resigned September 1, 1862.

Lieut. Col. Joseph H. Ham, to be colonel Sixteenth Virginia Regiment, vice Col. C. A. Crump, killed August 30, 1862.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. John L. Harris, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fourth Georgia Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. D. L. Clinch, promoted January 16, 1863.

Maj. George E. Tayloe, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Eleventh Alabama Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. C. C. Sanders, promoted September 11, 1862.

Maj. R. W. Martin, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifty-third Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. W. R. Aylett, promoted March 5, 1863.

Maj. J. Welsman Brown, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Second South Carolina Artillery Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. A. D. Frederick, promoted October 17, 1862.

Maj. J. H. Hudson, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-sixth South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. A. D. Smith, promoted September 9, 1862.

Maj. C. W. McArthur, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixty-first Georgia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. H. Tillman, resigned February 12, 1863.

Maj. W. W. Reynolds, of Arkansas, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-first Arkansas Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. Squire Boone, promoted August 22, 1862.

Maj. E. L. Hobson, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. M. Hall, promoted July 17, 1862.

Maj. W. F. Perry, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-fourth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. Charles A. Derby, promoted September 1, 1862.

Maj. Henry D. Capers, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twelfth Georgia Battalion (battalion increased to six companies), November 6, 1862.

Maj. R. O. Whitehead, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixteenth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. Joseph H. Ham, promoted August 30, 1862.

Majors.

Capt. J. C. McDonald, of Georgia, to be major Fourth Georgia Cavalry Regiment, vice Maj. John L. Harris, promoted January 16, 1863.

Capt. R. J. Fletcher, of Alabama, to be major Eleventh Alabama Regiment, vice Maj. G. E. Tayloe, promoted September 11, 1862.

Capt. F. F. Warley, of South Carolina, to be major Second South Carolina Artillery Regiment, vice Maj. J. W. Brown, promoted October 17, 1862.

Capt. P. Brennan, of Georgia, to be major Sixty-first Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. C. W. McArthur, promoted February 12, 1863.

Capt. David A. Stuart, of Arkansas, to be major Twenty-first Arkansas Regiment, vice Maj. W. W. Reynolds, promoted August 22, 1862.

Capt. E. Blackford, of Alabama, to be major Fifth Alabama Regiment, vice Maj. E. L. Hobson, promoted July 17, 1862.

Capt. G. M. Hanvey, of Georgia, to be major Twelfth Georgia Battalion, vice Maj. H. D. Capers, promoted November 6, 1862.

Capt. E. L. Moore, of Virginia, to be major Second Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. R. T. Colston, promoted September 16, 1862.

Capt. W. W. Goldsborough, of Maryland, to be major First Maryland Battalion, vice Maj. J. R. Herbert, promoted January 26, 1863.

Capt. J. H. Rion, of South Carolina, to be major Seventh South Carolina Battalion, vice Maj. L. W. R. Blair, resigned March 5, 1863.

Capt. F. L. Phipps, of Tennessee, to be major Twelfth Tennessee Battalion, vice Maj. T. W. Adrian, deceased November 17, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 23, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate A. B. Samuels, to be second lieutenant Company B, Thirtieth Virginia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from January 11, 1863.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 17, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Second lieutenant.

A. B. Samuels, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company B, Thirtieth Virginia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from January 11, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 23, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 16, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

OFFICERS APPOINTED TO RAISE TROOPS, UNDER ACT APPROVED OCTOBER 11, 1862.

Captains.

George H. Vaughn, of Missouri, to be captain, to raise a company in Missouri, to rank from March 3, 1863.

Horace H. Brand, of Missouri, to be captain, to raise a company in Missouri, to rank from February 27, 1863.

James B. Larue, of Kentucky, to be captain, to raise a company of cavalry in Kentucky, to rank from March 30, 1863.

George W. Woolfolk, of Kentucky, to be captain, to raise a company of cavalry in Kentucky, to rank from April 1, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 19, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Maj. William Clare, of Alabama, to be major in the Adjutant-General's Department, Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 19, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

Major.

Maj. William Clare, of Alabama, to be major in the Adjutant-General's Department, to rank from April 9, 1863, for duty with General Bragg.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 23, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the annexed list to the ranks affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 17, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Lieutenant-colonel.

Maj. John A. Adair, of Kentucky, to be lieutenant-colonel Fourth Kentucky Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. P. Nuckols, promoted, to rank from February 28, 1863.

Major.

Capt. B. F. Eshleman, of Louisiana, to be major Washington Artillery, vice Maj. J. B. Walton, appointed colonel Provisional Artillery, to rank from March 26, 1862.
I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 23, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers in the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, March 2, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

COMMANDANTS OF CAMPS OF INSTRUCTION AND ENROLLING OFFICERS, UNDER ACT
APPROVED OCTOBER 8, 1862.

Majors.

J. C. Johnston, of Tennessee, to command camp of instruction, East Tennessee, to rank from December 4, 1862.

Beverly Matthews, of Alabama, to command camp of instruction, North Alabama, to rank from December 6, 1862.

Captains.

William N. Nelson, of Virginia, for duty with Colonel Shields, commanding conscripts State of Virginia, to rank from December 12, 1862.

W. W. Porter, of Mississippi, for duty with Major Clark, commanding camp of instruction, Brookhaven, Miss., to rank from December 12, 1862.

J. J. Dillard, of North Carolina, for duty with Col. P. Mallett, commanding conscripts State of North Carolina, to rank from December 12, 1862.

Samuel B. Waters, of North Carolina, for duty with Brig. Gen. W. H. C. Whiting, to rank from December 20, 1862.

W. W. Swann, of North Carolina, to be assigned to duty by Brig. Gen. G. J. Rains, Chief of Conscript Bureau, to rank from December 24, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 23, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 16, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Adjutants, with the rank of first lieutenant.

A. H. Houston, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Fifteenth North Carolina Regiment, to rank from October 1, 1862.

J. W. Nance, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Twenty-fourth Tennessee Regiment, to rank from February 25, 1863.

Arthur J. Magenis, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Twenty-seventh Arkansas Regiment, to rank from July 14, 1862.

Wright S. Hackett, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Sixteenth Tennessee Regiment, to rank from March 7, 1863.

B. F. Abbott, of Georgia, to be adjutant Twentieth Georgia Regiment, to rank from March 10, 1863.

J. C. Habersham, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Twenty-fifth Arkansas Regiment, to rank from February 26, 1863.

E. A. Warren, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Eleventh Arkansas Regiment, to rank from October 1, 1862.

William L. Ware, of Mississippi, to be Adjutant Thirty-eighth Mississippi Regiment, to rank from October 1, 1862.

Sidney C. Lewis, of Kentucky, to be adjutant Third Kentucky Cavalry Battalion, to rank from November 29, 1862.

C. S. Newman, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Sixtieth Tennessee Regiment, to rank from October 6, 1862.

William S. Barnes, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Fourth North Carolina Regiment, to rank from March 14, 1863.

W. C. Keith, of South Carolina, to be adjutant First South Carolina Rifle Regiment, to rank from March 25, 1863.

William G. Smith, of Alabama, to be adjutant Twenty-second Alabama Regiment, to rank from March 12, 1863.

A. J. Murphy, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Eighth Tennessee Regiment, to rank from October 12, 1862.

J. H. Robinson, of Texas, to be adjutant Thirteenth Texas Regiment, to rank from October 20, 1862.

Gregory Yniestra, of Florida, to be adjutant First Florida Regiment, to rank from March 16, 1863.

Henry MacCormack, of Texas, to be adjutant Third Texas Regiment, to rank from January 19, 1863.

Leslie C. De Morse, of Texas, to be adjutant Twenty-ninth Texas Cavalry Regiment, to rank from February 9, 1863.

H. V. Harris, of Virginia, to be adjutant Eleventh Virginia Regiment, to rank from April 7, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 23, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate First Lieut. W. F. Dunaway, of Virginia, to be captain Company I, Fortieth Virginia Regiment, to rank from March 26, 1863.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 17, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

OFFICER UNDER ACT APPROVED OCTOBER 13, 1862.

Captain.

First Lieut. W. F. Dunaway, of Virginia, to be captain Company I, Fortieth Virginia Regiment, to rank from March 26, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 23, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 16, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Aids-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenant.

John J. Stoddard, of Georgia, Brig. Gen. H. W. Mercer, February 28, 1863.
 C. J. Houks, of Arkansas, Brig. Gen. D. McRae, February 14, 1863.
 John F. House, of Tennessee, Brig. Gen. G. Maney, January 1, 1863.
 B. A. Walthall, of Mississippi, Brig. Gen. E. C. Walthall, February 12, 1863.
 J. T. H. Holcombe, of Texas, Brig. Gen. E. Greer, November 15, 1862.
 J. W. Branham, of Virginia, Brig. Gen. J. Echols, March 18, 1863.
 John H. McCue, of Virginia, Brig. Gen. J. D. Imboden, January 28, 1863.
 A. McCulloch, of Texas, Brig. Gen. H. E. McCulloch, January 1, 1863.
 J. P. Arrington, of Alabama, Brig. Gen. R. E. Rodes, March 12, 1863.
 J. Webb Smith, of Tennessee, Maj. Gen. B. F. Cheatham, March 25, 1863.
 J. G. Justice, of North Carolina, Brig. Gen. R. F. Hoke, March 20, 1863.
 B. J. Semmes, of Maryland, Maj. Gen. M. L. Smith, March 15, 1863.
 John R. Mott, of Georgia, Brig. Gen. H. L. Benning, January 17, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The messages were severally read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

To the President of the Senate of the Confederate States:

I nominate the persons named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., *April 23, 1863.*

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 7, 1863.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Navy:

Lieutenant for the war.

Joseph Price, of North Carolina.

Assistant paymaster.

Charles W. Keim, of Texas.

With much respect, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

To the President of the Senate of the Confederate States:

I nominate the persons named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., *April 23, 1863.*

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 20, 1863.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Navy:

Passed assistant surgeon.

James E. Lindsay, of North Carolina, an assistant surgeon, to be promoted.

Assistant surgeons for the war.

W. S. Stoakley, of North Carolina; C. M. Parker, of Mississippi; Henry B. Melvin, of the District of Columbia.

With much respect, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

To the President of the Senate of the Confederate States:

I nominate the person named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., April 23, 1863.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 21, 1863.

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Navy:

Lieutenant for the war.

Walter O. Crain, of Louisiana.

With much respect, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

To the President of the Senate of the Confederate States:

I nominate the person named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., April 23, 1863.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 18, 1863.

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Navy:

Assistant paymaster.

W. W. Cleary, of Kentucky.

With much respect, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The messages were severally read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Orr, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, on the 19th ultimo, in relation to the expediency of appointing envoys extraordinary and ministers plenipotentiary to foreign courts; which was agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Senate, in answer to the message of the President of the seventeenth ultimo, it is inexpedient that any nomination or confirmation of envoys extraordinary and ministers plenipotentiary should be made to any foreign court, until the independent confederation of these States shall have been recognized by the powers respectively, to whom such envoys and ministers are to be accredited.

Mr. Orr, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 20th instant) the message of the President in relation to the expediency of sending a commissioner to Russia, reported the same.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury in relation to the issue of bonds in exchange for agricultural products; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Attorney-General, transmitting a report on the claim of the Bowling Green Bridge Company for the destruction of their bridge over Barren River, Kentucky; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the following bills:

H. R. 58. An act to admit free of duty all machinery for the manufacture of cotton or wool, or necessary for carrying on any of the mechanic arts; and

H. R. 60. An act to declare the meaning and extend the provisions of an act entitled "An act to increase the pay of certain officers and employees in the executive and legislative departments," approved October 13, 1862; reported them severally without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bills (H. R. 58, H. R. 60) last mentioned; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the Hon. A. G. Brown have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Tuesday next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have concurred in the resolution of the Senate, fixing Friday, the first day of May next, for the adjournment, sine die, of the two Houses of Congress.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 13) to establish a seal for the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to and made the special order for Monday next at 12 o'clock.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 19) to amend an act to organize the clerical force of the Treasury Department; and

On motion by Mr. Clark,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 112) to facilitate transportation for the Government; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That it be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate again resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,
The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed three enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

On motion by Mr. Haynes,
The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,
Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the proceedings of the Senate on the bill (S. 58) to establish a volunteer navy.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,
Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the proceedings of the Senate on the bill (S. 105) to provide for the conscription of aliens resident in the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,
The Senate resolved into executive session.
Being again in secret legislative session,
The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 112) to facilitate transportation for the Government.

On motion by Mr. Hunter, to amend the bill by striking out the word "all," section 1, line 20, and inserting "such of," and by inserting after "operatives," in the twenty-first line of the same section, the words "as are within the ages liable to conscription under existing laws,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, to amend the bill by striking out the third section,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the fourth section the following proviso:

Provided, That railroads in which any State has a statutory lien for bonds loaned to the companies of said roads shall not be included within the provisions of this act,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the first section the following proviso:

Provided, That the powers herein vested in the authorities aforesaid shall not be exercised except as to such railroads as refuse and fail to carry freights necessary to the public defenses and to support the armies of the Confederate States,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the first section the following proviso:

Provided, That no railroad exclusively owned and worked by any State shall be seized or impressed under the provisions of this act,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by striking out, section 4, line 1, the words "or of great importance,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to and made the special order for Monday next at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Semmes submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to request the Secretary of War to communicate, in writing, to the Senate, whether any, and if so, what additional legislation, in his opinion, is required to render more efficient the transportation of army supplies over railroads, and to communicate the nature of the contracts now existing with railroad companies in regard to transportation.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 24th instant) the nominations of H. D. Clayton, to be brigadier-general; W. A. Walker, R. M. Cox, to be majors; E. G. Dawson, W. Allan, W. C. Preston, T. D. Bertody, John C. Haskell, to be majors of artillery; P. H. Duke, to be second lieutenant; William Simpson, John D. Rector, Thomas H. Kenan, Charles A. Bruslé, to be aids-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenant, reported, with the recommendation that said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was recommitted (on the 23d instant) the nomination of John Pegram, to be brigadier-general, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

The Hon. Alexander H. Stephens, Vice-President of the Confederate States and President of the Senate, resumed the chair.

Mr. Johnson of Georgia presented a resolution of the general assembly of the State of Georgia in relation to the illegal traffic carried on by private citizens with foreign countries; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia,

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 90) relative to certain bonds and Treasury notes issued under the provisions of the act approved 16th May, 1861, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the said bill; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 19) to amend an act to organize the clerical force of the Treasury Department, reported it with the recommendation that the Senate do not concur therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to said bill; and

Resolved, That they disagree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

S. 14. An act to authorize newspapers to be mailed to soldiers free of postage;

S. 76. An act to regulate the extra pay allowed soldiers detailed for duty as clerks in the city of Richmond;

S. 89. An act to abolish supernumerary offices in the Commissary's and Quartermaster's Departments;

S. 94. An act to establish the form of fifty-cent Treasury notes;

S. 110. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to lease a site [for a laboratory and magazine], near the city of Richmond, for the preparation and safe-keeping of ordnance stores;

S. 111. An act to authorize the issue of eight per cent bonds or certificates of stock in certain cases;

S. 129. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate impressments by officers of the Army;"

H. R. 36. An act to amend the first section of an act entitled "An act to amend the laws relative to the compensation of the attorneys of the Confederate States;"

H. R. 37. An act to authorize the President to offer rewards for the apprehension of fugitives from justice;

H. R. 38. An act supplemental to an act to establish judicial courts in certain Indian Territories, approved February 15, 1862;

H. R. 44. An act for the relief of John Prosser Tabb;

H. R. 46. An act for the relief of Lieut. Thomas T. Kirtland; and

H. R. 12. Joint resolution authorizing the payment of rent for the building occupied by the Quartermaster's Department.

The President having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Henry,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution inquiring whether the enemy are in the habit of disregarding the parole of prisoners taken by our Army, and of ordering them again into their service before they have been exchanged.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 61) to make appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America for the periods therein mentioned; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 73) to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., April 24, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering additional estimates of the sum required for the support of the Government from July 1 to December 31, 1863.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., April 25, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Postmaster-General, submitting an estimate of the amount required to prepare a building for a post-office for the city of Richmond.

I recommend an appropriation of the sum for the purpose specified.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The messages were severally read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill (H. R. 61) to make appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America for the periods therein mentioned, communicated this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 73) to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war; and

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 13) to establish a seal for the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the resolution by striking out the words "seal of," line 9,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Davis, to amend the resolution by striking out the word "*vincemus*," line 11,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the resolution by striking out the word "*duce*," line 11, and inserting the words "*vindice majores æmulamur*,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the resolution by striking out the word "*duce*," line 11, and inserting "*vindice*,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, to amend the resolution by striking out the word "South," line 7, and inserting "Confederacy," It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the resolution was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the resolution read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time, as amended.

Resolved, That it pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Simms, from the Special Committee on Hospitals, reported

A bill (S. 138) to amend an act entitled "An act to better provide for the sick and wounded of the Army in hospitals," approved September 27, 1862;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow, and that it be printed.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 112) to facilitate transportation for the Government.

On motion by Mr. Hunter, to amend the bill by inserting after the words "Secretary of War," where they occur in the second and sixteenth lines of the first section, the words "under the direction of the President,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hunter, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the second section the following proviso:

Provided, That the rolling stock of no railroad exclusively owned and worked by any State shall be seized or impressed under the provisions of this act,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, to amend the bill by inserting after the word "General," section 4, line 8, the words "under the direction of the President,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the bill by striking out, in the thirtieth, thirty-first, thirty-second, thirty-third, and thirty-fourth lines of the first section, the words

and to the officers, agents, employees, and operatives the like rates during the term of such impressment as would have been paid during a like period by the company in whose service they were engaged at the time of impressment,

and inserting:

Provided, That the Quartermaster-General may employ such officers, agents, and employees as he may deem essential to the efficient operation of any road so impressed,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, to amend the bill by striking out the words "Secretary of War," section 2, line 1, and inserting in lieu

thereof the words "Quartermaster-General, under the direction of the President,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hunter, to amend the bill by inserting after "use," section 2, line 3, the words

But such just compensation shall be made for the use of the same as may be assessed in the manner prescribed in the first section of this act,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments made as in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas-----	11
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On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Clay, Henry, Hunter, Peyton, Phelan, Semmes, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Davis, Haynes, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, and Orr.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as afore-said.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., April 25, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Postmaster-General relative to the removal of certain postmasters from office.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

Richmond, April 24, 1863.

SIR: In compliance with the third paragraph of the second section of the second article of the Constitution, I have the honor to report the removal of the following postmasters, "together with the reasons therefor:"

Bedi, Grimes County, Tex., Richard N. Harrison, postmaster, removed October 3, 1862. Cause of removal: Neglect of official duty; delay in mailing letters, and absence from his office.

Union Bridge, Titus County, Tex., Isham B. Cherry, postmaster, removed October 3, 1862. Cause of removal: Misconduct; obtaining the office by false and fraudulent representations of the social standing of his predecessor.

Taylorville, Smith County, Miss., George C. Anderson, postmaster, removed December 12, 1862. Cause of removal: Misconduct, in accepting and holding the office, which had been procured by means of forged papers.

Tangipahoa, St. Helena Parish, La., Burrel R. Swink, postmaster, removed April 1, 1863. Cause of removal: Arrest on a charge of robbing the mail.

Manning, Clarendon district, South Carolina, Moses Levi, postmaster, removed February 6, 1863. Cause of removal: Misconduct; bargaining for the office with his predecessor, that by his appointment as postmaster he might escape conscription into the military service.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN H. REAGAN,
Postmaster-General.

HON. R. M. T. HUNTER,
President of the Senate.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *April 24, 1863.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I hereby nominate the persons named upon the annexed list to be lieutenants for the war.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 13, 1863.

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Navy:

Lieutenants for the war.

* Alexander Grant, of Louisiana; Charles E. Yeatman, of Virginia; Charles B. Oliver, of Virginia; Charles H. Hasker, of Virginia; Francis Watlington, of Florida.

With much respect, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

To the President of the Senate of the Confederate States:

I nominate the persons named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendations.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., *April 25, 1863.*

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 25, 1863.

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Navy, under section 2 of act approved April 21, 1862:

Commanders.

John N. Maffitt, of North Carolina, a first lieutenant in the Navy, to be promoted for gallant and meritorious conduct in command of the steam sloop Florida, in running the blockade in and out of the port of Mobile, against an overwhelming force of the enemy, and under his fire; and since, in actively cruising against and destroying the enemy's commerce.

Joseph N. Barney, of Maryland, first lieutenant in the Navy, to be promoted for gallant and meritorious conduct in command of the steam sloop Jamestown, in the action in Hampton Roads on the 8th day of March, 1862, and in the action at Drewry's Bluff on the 15th of May, 1862.

Catesby ap R. Jones, of Virginia, a first lieutenant in the Navy, to be promoted for gallant and meritorious conduct as executive and ordnance officer of the steamer Virginia, in the action in Hampton Roads on the 8th of March, 1862, and in the action at Drewry's Bluff on the 15th of May, 1862.

UNDER ACT NO. 331, PROVISIONAL CONGRESS, APPROVED DECEMBER 24, 1861.

Commander for the war.

William A. Webb, of Virginia, a first lieutenant in the Navy.

With much respect, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The messages were read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Semmes of Louisiana,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: I am directed to inform the Senate that Albert R. Lamar, of Georgia, has been elected Clerk of the House of Representatives, to succeed Robert E. Dixon, deceased.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 27th instant he approved and signed the following acts and joint resolution:

H. R. 36. An act to amend the first section of an act entitled "An act to amend the laws relative to the compensation of the attorneys of the Confederate States," approved March 15, 1861;

H. R. 37. An act to authorize the President to offer rewards for the apprehension of fugitives from justice;

H. R. 38. An act supplemental to an act to establish judicial courts in certain Indian Territories, approved February 15, 1862; and

H. R. 12. Joint resolution authorizing the payment of rent for the building occupied by the Quartermaster's Department.

The House of Representatives have passed Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 74. An act to amend an act entitled "An act for the establishment and organization of a general staff for the Army of the Confederate States of America," approved February 26, 1861;

S. 62. An act to pay officers, noncommissioned officers, and privates not legally mustered into the service of the Confederate States for services actually performed;

S. 81. An act to provide for the payment of certain North Carolina troops from the time of their enlistment; and

S. 116. An act to authorize the Secretary of War to purchase or lease real estate.

The last two named with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 61) to make appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America for the periods therein mentioned, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 61) last mentioned; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the memorial of William Bowles and others, reported

A bill (S. 139) for the relief of William Bowles, Richard M. Bowles, and others;
which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar.

On motion by Mr. Simms,

Ordered, That the President appoint two additional members on the Committee on Accounts, to serve during the remainder of the present session; and

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas and Mr. Caperton were appointed.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 81) to provide for the payment of certain North Carolina troops from the time of their enlistment; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 116) to authorize the Secretary of War to purchase or lease real estate; and

Resolved, That they disagree to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 4) in relation to the free navigation of the Mississippi River; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 70) declaring the telegraph a part of the postal system of the Confederate States, and to provide for working the same; and

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the first Monday in December next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have concurred in the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 26) for the assessment and collection of taxes, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives refuse to concur in the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 14) to prevent fraud in the Quartermaster's and Commissary's Departments, and the obtaining under false pretense transportation for private property.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to their amendments to the bill (H. R. 26) for the assessment and collection of taxes; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendment, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 14) to prevent fraud in the Quartermaster's and Commissary's Departments, and the obtaining under false pretense transportation for private property; and

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 27th instant, approved and signed the following acts:

S. 76. An act to regulate the extra pay allowed soldiers detailed for duty as clerks in the city of Richmond;

S. 94. An act to establish the form of fifty-cent Treasury notes;

S. 110. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to lease a site [for a laboratory and magazine] near the city of Richmond, for the preparation and safe-keeping of ordnance stores;

S. 111. An act to authorize the issue of eight per cent bonds or certificates of stock in certain cases; and

S. 129. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate impressments by officers of the Army."

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill and joint resolutions of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 62. An act to regulate the compensation of females employed in the Treasury Department;

H. R. 14. Joint resolution of thanks to Brig. Gen. N. B. Forrest and the officers and men under his command; and

H. R. 15. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and soldiers engaged in the defense of Fort McAllister, Ga.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 24) to repeal the laws of naturalization.

On motion by Mr. Davis, to amend the bill by inserting after "intention," line 8, the words "and who shall have continued loyal to the Confederate States,"

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until the first Monday in December next,

It was determined in the negative.

After further debate,

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until the first Monday in December next.

On motion by Mr. Simms, that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (S. 138) to amend an act entitled "An act to better provide for the sick and wounded of the Army in hospitals," approved September 27, 1862,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 7
Nays 10

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Peyton, Semmes, and Simms.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Clark, Clay, Davis, Henry, Hunter, Oldham, Orr, Phelan, and Wigfall.

The bill and joint resolutions this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 62 be referred to the Committee on Finance and that the joint resolutions numbered 14 and 15 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 16) in relation to the transfer of troops, and to repeal an act entitled "An act in relation to the transfer of troops," approved September 23, 1862; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the negative, {	Yeas-----	4
	Nays-----	12

On motion by Mr. Clark,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Clark, Johnson of Arkansas, Oldham, and Peyton,

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Caperton, Clay, Davis, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Orr, Phelan, Semmes, and Wigfall.

So the bill was rejected.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., April 27, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of War, covering an estimate for the contingent expenses of the Adjutant and Inspector General's office for the six months ending December 31, 1863.

I recommend an appropriation of the amount for the purpose specified.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 14) relative to the treatment of prisoners of war by the enemy, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 14) last mentioned; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives insist on their amendment to the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 2) relative to the plan of retaliation proposed in

the President's message, agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and have appointed Mr. Russell of Virginia, Mr. Garland of Arkansas, and Mr. Smith of North Carolina as managers at the same on their part.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 61. An act to authorize the President to contract for the construction and equipment of vessels for the Navy abroad;

S. 130. An act supplementary to an act to provide for the funding and further issue of Treasury notes; and

S. 133. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to make appropriations for ironclad and other war steamers, steam engines, and other supplies contracted for abroad;" severally, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 61) to authorize the President to contract for the construction and equipment of vessels for the Navy abroad; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 130) supplementary to an act to provide for the funding and further issue of Treasury notes; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 133) to amend an act entitled "An act to make appropriations for ironclad and other war steamers, steam engines, and other supplies contracted for abroad;" and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Hunter,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 27, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate R. A. Carrigan, of Arkansas, to be assistant commissary, Provisional Army Confederate States, to rank from July 1, 1862.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 27, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Assistant commissary, with the rank of captain.

R. A. Carrigan, of Arkansas, for duty at Washington, Ark., to rank from July 1, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 27, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Samuel A. Cartwright, of Louisiana, assistant adjutant-general, with rank of lieutenant-colonel, to rank from January 8, 1863.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 27, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL.

Lieutenant-colonel.

Samuel A. Cartwright, of Louisiana, for duty in general inspection of hospitals' under orders of War Department, to rank from January 8, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The messages were read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 27, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list for appointment to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 27, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ARTILLERY OFFICERS, UNDER ACT APPROVED JANUARY 22, 1862.

Colonel.

E. Higgins, of Louisiana, to be colonel of artillery, for duty with Lieut. Gen. J. C. Pemberton, to rank from April 11, 1862.

Majors.

A. B. Rhett, of South Carolina, to be major of artillery, ordered to report for duty to Gen. R. E. Lee, to rank from January 7, 1863.

A. L. Hartridge, of Georgia, to be major of artillery, for duty with Brig. Gen. H. W. Mercer, to rank from November 15, 1862.

Stephen Elliott, of South Carolina, to be major of artillery, for duty with Brig. Gen. W. S. Walker, to rank from November 15, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of A. L. Hartridge, to be major of artillery, therein contained; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of A. L. Hartridge, to be major of artillery, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Ordered, That the residue of the nominations be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 27, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

SIR: Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the following officers to the ranks allixed to their names, respectively, as per list annexed.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 23, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

MILITARY COURTS.

Lieut. Gen. James Longstreet's Corps.

Col. W. B. Wood, of Alabama, presiding judge.
Albert P. Hill, of Mississippi.
L. W. Spratt, of South Carolina.
Capt. C. M. Blackford, of Virginia, judge-advocate.

Lieut. Gen. T. J. Jackson's Corps.

Col. Richard H. Lee, of Virginia, presiding judge.
James Jackson, of Georgia.
David M. Carter, of North Carolina.
Capt. Daniel A. Wilson, of Louisiana, judge-advocate.

Gen. G. T. Beauregard's Corps.

Col. D. F. Jamison, of South Carolina, presiding judge.
L. M. Lamar, of Georgia.
S. St. George Rogers, of Florida.
Capt. W. H. Talley, of South Carolina, judge-advocate.

Lieut. Gen. Leonidas Polk's Corps.

Col. Andrew Ewing, of Tennessee, presiding judge.
Ed. S. Worthington, of Kentucky.
J. A. P. Campbell, of Mississippi.
Capt. Thomas W. Brown, of Tennessee, judge-advocate.

Army of Department of East Tennessee, formerly Lieut. Gen. E. Kirby Smith's Corps.

Col. Thomas Ruffin, jr., of North Carolina, presiding judge.
James F. Neill, of Tennessee.
Charles B. Thomas, of Kentucky.
Capt. J. Shelby Williams, of Tennessee, judge-advocate.

Lieut. Gen. T. H. Holmes' Corps.

Col. Trusten Polk, of Missouri, presiding judge.
David Walker, of Arkansas.
W. P. Townsend, of Texas.
Capt. Lionel L. Levy, of Louisiana, judge-advocate.

Maj. Gen. S. B. Buckner's Corps.

Col. Thomas J. Judge, of Alabama, presiding judge.
 Andrew S. Herron, of Louisiana.
 Samuel J. Douglass, of Florida.
 Capt. E. Fitzpatrick, of Alabama, judge-advocate.

Maj. Gen. Samuel Jones' Corps.

Col. P. T. Moore, of Virginia, presiding judge.
 W. H. Norris, of Maryland.
 A. T. M. Rust, of Virginia.
 Capt. ———, judge-advocate.

Headquarters, Richmond, Va.

Col. William B. Rodman, of North Carolina, presiding judge.
 John M. Patton, of Virginia.
 Bradley T. Johnson, of Maryland.
 Capt. W. P. Johnson, of Georgia, judge-advocate.

Lieut. Gen. J. C. Pemberton's Corps.

Col. George B. Wilkinson, of Mississippi, presiding judge.
 John J. Good, of Texas.
 Henry B. Kelly, of Louisiana.
 Capt. John P. McMillan, of Missouri, judge-advocate.

Lieut. Gen. W. J. Hardee's Corps.

Col. John E. Moore, of Alabama, presiding judge.
 Samuel J. Gholson, of Mississippi.
 Taylor Beatty, of Louisiana.
 Capt. Benton Randolph, of Texas, judge-advocate.
 I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 27, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 27, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ARTILLERY OFFICERS, FOR ORDNANCE DUTY, UNDER ACT APPROVED APRIL 21, 1862.

First Lieutenants.

Paul C. Venable, of South Carolina, to be first lieutenant of artillery, for duty with Gen. W. Hampton, to rank from January 21, 1863.

H. N. Martin, of Mississippi, to be first lieutenant of artillery, for duty with Lieut. Gen. J. C. Pemberton, to rank from December 30, 1862.

Joseph C. Haskell, of South Carolina, to be first lieutenant of artillery, for duty as adjutant to Maj. John C. Haskell's Reserve Artillery, Department of North Carolina, to rank from February 9, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, Va., April 27, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate John Eells, of Maryland, to be major, Fifth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank from April 11, 1863.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 27, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for distinguished valor and skill:

Major.

John Eells, of Maryland, to be major, Fifth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank from April 11, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 27, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 27, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for distinguished valor and skill:

Second lieutenants.

Sergt. B. H. Cody, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant Company G, Fifteenth Alabama Regiment, to rank from February 23, 1863.

Sergt. J. M. Lauderdale, of Tennessee, to be second lieutenant Company D, Forty-seventh Tennessee Regiment, to rank from February 14, 1863.

Private D. L. Etheridge, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant Company F, Fifth Alabama Regiment, to rank from March 25, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 27, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, March 2, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Aids-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenant.

Robert W. Haynes, of Tennessee, February 9, 1863.

Samuel B. Davis, of Virginia, February 2, 1863.

L. C. Haskell, of South Carolina, December 15, 1862.

D. F. Holland, of Georgia, November 4, 1862.

M. Pointer, of Georgia, January 29, 1863.

A. F. Woolley, of Georgia, February 17, 1863.
 W. R. Bond, of North Carolina, September 1, 1862.
 W. K. Armistead, of Virginia, February 19, 1863.
 H. H. Johnston, of Kentucky, February 1, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 27, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 24, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonel.

C. H. Stevens, of South Carolina, to be colonel Twenty-fourth South Carolina Regiment, to rank from April 1, 1862.

Lieutenant-colonel.

Ellison Capers, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-fourth South Carolina Regiment, to rank from April 1, 1862.

Majors.

James F. Waddell, of Alabama, to be major Twentieth Alabama Battalion Artillery, raised by authority, to rank from April 1, 1863.

J. R. B. Burtwell, of Tennessee, to be major Twenty-first Tennessee Battalion, to rank from March 16, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 27, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 24, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

COMMANDANTS OF CAMPS OF INSTRUCTION AND ENROLLING OFFICERS, UNDER ACT
 APPROVED OCTOBER 8, 1862.

Majors.

J. C. Denis, of Louisiana, to be major, to report to Brigadier-General Rains, Chief of Conscript Bureau, for duty as commandant of camp of instruction in Louisiana, to rank from February 18, 1863.

St. L. Dupeire, of Louisiana, to be major, to report to Brigadier-General Rains, Chief of Conscript Bureau, for duty as commandant of camp of instruction, Louisiana, to rank from February 18, 1863.

First lieutenants.

J. R. Allen, of Alabama, to be first lieutenant, to report to Chief of Conscript Bureau, for duty with Maj. W. T. Walthall, as enrolling officer, to rank from June 17, 1862.

Thomas Goldthwaite, of Alabama, to be first lieutenant, to report to the Chief of Conscript Bureau, for assignment to duty as enrolling officer, to rank from March 9, 1863.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War

To His Excellency the President.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 27, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the annexed list to the ranks affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 24, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS-GENERAL.

Lieutenant-colonel.

David Urquhart, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel, for duty with Gen. Braxton Bragg, to rank from September 1, 1862.

Major.

J. Stoddard Johnston, of Kentucky, to be major, for duty with Gen. Braxton Bragg, to rank from September 1, 1862.

Captains.

John King, of Arkansas, to be captain, for duty with Brig. Gen. W. L. Cabell, to rank from March 4, 1863.

Lemuel P. Conner, of ———, to be captain, for duty with Gen. Braxton Bragg, to rank from September 1, 1862.

J. B. Cumming, of Georgia, to be captain, for duty with Brig. Gen. W. H. T. Walker, to rank from March 3, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 27, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 15, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Army of the Confederate States of America:

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

Lieutenant-colonel.

Maj. Hugh L. Clay, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel, vice Lieut. Col. R. H. Chilton, promoted October 14, 1862.

Majors.

Capt. John Withers, of Mississippi, to be major, vice Maj. D. R. Jones, resigned October 11, 1862.

Capt. E. A. Palfrey, of Louisiana, to be major, vice Maj. H. L. Clay, promoted October 14, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 27, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate A. M. Rutledge, of Tennessee, to be major of artillery, for ordnance duty, to rank from December 2, 1862.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 23, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

OFFICER OF ARTILLERY, FOR ORDNANCE DUTY, UNDER ACT APPROVED SEPTEMBER 16, 1862.

Major.

A. M. Rutledge, of Tennessee, ordered to report for duty to Lieut. Gen. L. Polk, as ordnance officer of his army corps, to rank from December 2, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 27, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the annexed list to the ranks affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 23, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

Lieut. Col. A. J. Hutchins, of Georgia, to be colonel Nineteenth Georgia Regiment, vice Col. W. W. Boyd, resigned January 12, 1863.

Lieut. Col. W. A. Witcher, of Virginia, to be colonel Twenty-first Virginia Regiment, vice Col. J. M. Patton, resigned December 1, 1862.

Lieut. Col. E. Waggaman, of Louisiana, to be colonel Tenth Louisiana Regiment, vice Col. M. de Marigny, relieved October 1, 1862.

Lieut. Col. David Lang, of Georgia, to be colonel Eighth Florida Regiment, vice Col. Rich. F. Floyd, resigned October 2, 1862.

Lieut. Col. F. H. Gantt, of South Carolina, to be colonel Eleventh South Carolina Regiment, vice Col. D. H. Ellis, resigned November 27, 1862.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. E. Mashburn, of Florida, to be lieutenant-colonel Third Florida Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. L. A. Church, resigned February 19, 1863.

Maj. J. H. Neal, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Nineteenth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. A. J. Hutchins, promoted January 12, 1863,

Maj. E. J. Magruder, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Eighth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. John R. Towers, promoted December 16, 1862.

Maj. M. H. Blanford, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twelfth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. E. Willis, promoted January 22, 1863.

Maj. W. S. Rankin, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-first North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. B. Y. Graves, resigned March 12, 1863.

Maj. W. Baya, of Florida, to be lieutenant-colonel Eighth Florida Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. David Lang, promoted October 2, 1862.

Maj. A. C. Izard, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Eleventh South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. F. H. Gantt, promoted November 27, 1862.

Majors.

Capt. W. M. Hardy, of North Carolina, to be major Sixtieth North Carolina Regiment, vice Maj. W. W. McDowell, to rank from February 21, 1863.

Capt. John L. Phillips, of Florida, to be major Third Florida Regiment, vice Maj. E. Mashburn, promoted February 19, 1863.

Capt. J. W. Hooper, of Georgia, to be major Nineteenth Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. J. H. Neal, promoted January 12, 1863.

Capt. A. Shaaff, to be major First Battalion Georgia Sharpshooters, vice Maj. R. H. Anderson, promoted January 20, 1863.

Capt. G. O. Dawson, of Georgia, to be major Eighth Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. E. J. Magruder, promoted December 16, 1862.

Capt. A. Miller, of North Carolina, to be major Twenty-first North Carolina Regiment, vice Maj. W. S. Rankin, promoted March 12, 1863.

Capt. W. R. Moore, of Florida, to be major Second Florida Regiment, vice Maj. G. W. Call, killed May 31, 1862.

Capt. T. E. Clarke, of Alabama, to be major Eighth Florida Regiment, vice Maj. W. J. Turner, resigned October 2, 1862.

Capt. E. A. Nash, of Georgia, to be major Fourth Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. D. R. E. Winn, promoted November 1, 1862.

I. Hardeman, of Georgia, to be major Twelfth Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. M. H. Blanford, promoted January 22, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The messages were read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Semmes of Louisiana,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 87. An act to regulate the supplies of clothing to enlisted men of the Navy during the war;

S. 96. An act to increase the pay of masters' mates in the Navy;

S. 104. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to appoint clerks to the commandant and quartermaster of the Marine Corps;

S. 108. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate impressments," approved March 26, 1863;

S. 128. An act to authorize the appointment of a chief constructor in the Navy, and to fix the pay; and

S. 107. An act to provide for the transfer of persons serving in the Army to the Navy.

The last named with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives have refused to pass the bill of the Senate (S. 131) to increase the pay of third assistant engineers in the Navy.

They agree to some and disagree to other of the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 15) for the establishment and equalization of the grade of officers of the Navy of the Confederate States, and for other purposes.

They disagree to the first and agree to the other amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 61) to make appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America for the periods therein mentioned.

And they agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 3) to repeal certain clauses of an act entitled "An act to exempt certain persons from military service," etc., approved October 11, 1862, with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendment to the bill (H. R. 61) to make appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America for the periods therein mentioned, disagreed to by the House of Representatives; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their amendment, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the said bill, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President; and

Mr. Barnwell, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. Brown were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 134) to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act recognizing the existence of war between the United States and the Confederate States, and concerning letters of marque, prizes and prize goods,' approved May sixth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one," approved May 21, 1861, and numbered 170 of the acts of the second session of the Provisional Congress of 1861.

The House of Representatives insist on their amendments to Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 19. An [act to amend an] act to organize the clerical force of the Treasury Department; and

S. 116. An act to authorize the Secretary of War to purchase or lease real estate.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 59) to continue and amend the third section of an act supplementary to an act concerning the pay and allowance due to deceased soldiers, approved February 15, 1862, and to provide for the prompt settlement of claims for arrearages of pay, allowance, and bounty due deceased officers and soldiers, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 59) last mentioned; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 63) to increase the efficiency of the Army, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the following bills:

H. R. 45. An act to provide for the payment for horses disabled or lost in the Confederate service; and

H. R. 49. An act regulating the granting of furloughs and discharges in hospitals;

reported them severally with the recommendation that they ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 49) last mentioned.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by inserting after "charge," section 4, line 5, the words "and two assistant surgeons, if there be two, if not, then one, shall constitute a board for the purposes aforesaid; and,"

Mr. Henry demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being put,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the fourth section the following proviso:

Provided, That no furloughs shall be granted under the provisions of this act if, in the opinion of the board, the life or convalescence of the patient would be endangered thereby,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the fifth section the words "if practicable,"

It was determined in the negative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	11
	{ Nays	8

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Caperton, Clark, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Oldham, Orr, Peyton, Phelan, Semmes, and Simms.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Clay, Davis, Henry, Hunter, Maxwell, and Wigfall.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: I am directed to request the Senate to return to the House of Representatives the bill (H. R. 61) to make appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America for the periods therein mentioned.

On motion by Mr. Davis, the vote on agreeing to the motion submitted by Mr. Barnwell, that the Senate insist on their amendment,

disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 61) to make appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America for the periods therein mentioned, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, was reconsidered.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said motion; and

Mr. Barnwell (by leave) withdrew the same.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the Secretary return the bill (H. R. 61) last mentioned to the House of Representatives, agreeably to their request.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 64. An act to provide for placing in the military service of the Confederate States citizens of the United States residing or sojourning within the limits of the Confederate States;

H. R. 65. An act to create a provisional navy of the Confederate States; and

H. R. 66. An act to change the place of holding the district court for the western district of Texas.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 56. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts," approved October 9, 1862;

S. 68. An act to abolish all ports of delivery in the Confederate States;

S. 88. An act in relation to the custody of persons charged with offenses against the Confederate States; and

S. 13. An act in relation to the public printing.

The last named with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 67) to provide for holding elections for Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States in the State of Tennessee; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have concurred in the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 39) to provide certain regulations for holding elections for Delegates to the Congress of the Confederate States in certain Indian nations.

And they have receded from their disagreement to the first amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 61) to make appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America for the periods therein mentioned.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

H. R. 40. An act to prescribe the rates of postage on newspapers, periodicals, books, and transient and other matter, and to repeal in part the second section of the act approved May 13, 1861, to amend an act to prescribe the rates of postage in the Confederate States of America, and for other purposes, approved February 23, 1861;

H. R. 48. An act allowing hospital accommodations to sick and wounded officers;

H. R. 58. An act to admit free of duty all machinery for the manufacture of cotton or wool, or necessary for carrying on any of the mechanic arts; and

H. R. 60. An act to declare the meaning and extend the provisions of an act entitled "An act to increase the pay of certain officers and employees in the executive and legislative departments," approved October 13, 1862.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Clay, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8) to allow commutation for deficiencies in ratings, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Clay, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 28) to increase the pay of all noncommissioned officers and privates in the Army of the Confederate States, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Clay also submitted a report (No. 10) in relation to the subject; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That 500 copies of the said report be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 28) last mentioned; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, that it be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas-----	5
	{ Nays-----	13

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Davis, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, and Peyton.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Clay, Henry, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, and Wigfall.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Simms, that the bill be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, to amend the bill by striking out "four," section 1, line 3, and inserting "nine,"

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas-----	2
	{ Nays-----	16

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett and Johnson of Georgia.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Brown, Clark, Clay, Davis, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Peyton, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Clay, to amend the bill by striking out the second section,

It was determined in the affirmative.

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Clay,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to and made the special order for to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

The bill (H. R. 67) to provide for holding elections for Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States in the State of Tennessee, communicated this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of a communication from the Attorney-General, transmitting a report of the claim of the Bowling Green Bridge Company for the destruction of their bridge over Barren River, Kentucky.

Mr. Davis, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 11) to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to audit the accounts of L. Merchant & Co., for supplies furnished the cutter Morgan, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 11) last mentioned; and

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the first Monday in December next.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 73) to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war, reported adversely thereon.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, that the Senate disagree to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the said bill, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon,

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 107) to provide for the transfer of persons serving in the Army to the Navy; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 63) to aid the several Departments in the investigation of accounts; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 63) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 130) supplementary to an act to provide for the funding and further issue of Treasury notes, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the said bill; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 61) to authorize the President to contract for the construction and equipment of vessels for the Navy abroad, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the said bill; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, April 29, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Attorney-General, I hereby nominate Henry A. G. Battle, to be marshal of the district of Louisiana.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE;

Richmond, April 13, 1863.

To the PRESIDENT.

SIR: Mr. Lusher having requested that his nomination be withdrawn, I have the honor to submit the name of Mr. Henry A. G. Battle, of Shreveport, for appointment as marshal of the district of Louisiana.

Your obedient servant,

T. H. WATTS,

Attorney-General.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of Henry A. G. Battle, to be marshal of the district of Louisiana; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of Henry A. G. Battle, to be marshal of the district of Louisiana, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 24th instant) the nominations of John N. Maffitt, Joseph N. Barney, and Catesby ap R. Jones, to be commanders in the Navy; William A. Webb, to be commander for the war, under act No. 331, Provisional Congress, approved December 24, 1861; James E. Lindsay, to be passed assistant surgeon; W. S. Stoakley, C. M. Parker, and Henry B. Melvin, to be assistant surgeons for the war; W. W. Cleary and Charles W. Keim, to be assistant paymasters, and Walter O. Crain, Joseph Price, Alexander Grant, Charles E. Yeatman, Charles B. Oliver, Charles H. Hasker, and Francis Watlington, to be lieutenants for the war, reported, with the recommendation that said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of John Eells, to be major Fifth Virginia Cavalry Regiment; Paul C. Venable, H. N. Martin, and Joseph C. Haskell, to be first lieutenants of artillery, for ordnance duty, under act approved April 21, 1862; A. H. Houston, J. W. Nance, Arthur J. Magenis, Wright S. Hackett, B. F. Abbott, J. C. Habersham, E. A. Warren, William L. Ware, Sidney C. Lewis, C. S. Newman, William S. Barnes, W. C. Keith, William G. Smith, A. J. Murphy, J. H. Robinson, Gregory Yniestra, Henry MacCormack, Leslie C. De Morse, and H. V. Harris, to be adjutants, with the rank of first lieutenant; A. B. Samuels, to be second lieutenant; John A. Adair, to be lieutenant-colonel; B. F. Eshleman, to be major; W. F. Dunaway, to be captain; William Clare, to be major, adjutant and inspector general's department; John J. Stoddard, C. J. Houks, B. A. Walthall, J. T. H. Holcombe, J. W. Branham, John H. McCue, A. McCulloch, J. P. Arrington, J. Webb Smith, J. G. Justice, B. J. Semmes, and John R. Mott, to be aids-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenant; D. L. Clinch, J. C. C. Sanders, J. P. Nuckols, W. R. Aylett, A. D. Frederick, Winchester Hall, Squire Boone, J. M. Hall, Charles A. Derby, and Joseph H. Ham, to be colonels; John L. Harris, George E. Tayloe, R. W. Martin, J. Welsman Brown, J. H. Hudson, C. W. McArthur, W. W. Reynolds, E. L. Hobson, W. F. Perry, Henry D. Capers, and R. O. Whitehead, to be lieutenant-colonels; J. C. McDonald, R. J. Fletcher, F. F. Warley, P. Brennan, David A. Stuart, E. Blackford, G. M. Hanvey, E. L. Moore, W. W. Goldsborough, J. H. Rion, and F. L. Phipps, to be majors, reported, with the recommendation that said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 24th instant) the nominations of George H. Vaughn, Horace H. Brand, James B. Larue, George W. Woolfolk, to be captains, under act approved October 11, 1862, reported, with the recommendation that said nominations lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That said nominations lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That G. W. Wang have leave to withdraw his memorial.

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That the President appoint an additional member on the

Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads to serve during the remainder of the present session; and

Mr. Johnson of Georgia was appointed.

Mr. Hunter presented the petition of Lewis Porter, praying the passage of an act authorizing the issue of duplicates for certain coupon bonds destroyed by the public enemy.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 79. An act for the benefit of certain claimants for postal services;

S. 119. An act to declare Treasury notes and bonds, inclosed in boxes for transportation by the Treasury Department, mailable matter, and to regulate the rates of postage;

S. 126. An act to provide for the compensation of certain persons therein named; and

S. 118. An act to authorize the establishment of express mails.

The last named with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And they have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 68. An act to provide for the election of members of Congress for certain districts of the State of Louisiana; and

H. R. 69. An act authorizing the detail of men for service in the Engineer Department.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 140) to authorize the President to appoint officers in the Niter Bureau and in the engineer troops during the recess of the Senate;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the first section the words

And the commissions of the officers so appointed shall expire at the end of the next session of the Senate, unless the same be confirmed,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 87. An act to regulate the supplies of clothing to enlisted men of the Navy during the war;

S. 96. An act to increase the pay of masters' mates in the Navy;

S. 104. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to appoint clerks to the commandant and quartermaster of the Marine Corps;

S. 108. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate impressments," approved March 26, 1863;

S. 128. An act to authorize the appointment of a chief constructor in the Navy, and to fix the pay; and

S. 134. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act recognizing the existence of war between the United States and the Confederate States, and concerning letters of marque, prizes and prize goods,' approved May sixth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one," approved May 21, 1861, and numbered 170 of the acts of the second session of the Provisional Congress of 1861.

The President having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 73) to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war; and

The question being on agreeing to the motion submitted by Mr. Wigfall on yesterday, that the Senate disagree to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the said bill, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon,

Mr. Wigfall withdrew the said motion,

When it was

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the following joint resolutions:

H. R. 1. Joint resolution of thanks to General Wheeler and the officers and men of his command;

H. R. 6. Joint resolution of thanks to Gen. John H. Morgan, officers and men of his command; and

H. R. 14. Joint resolution of thanks to Brig. Gen. N. B. Forrest and the officers and men under his command; reported them severally without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolutions (H. R. 1, H. R. 6, H. R. 14) last mentioned; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said resolutions were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the amendment of the Senate, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 14) to prevent fraud in the Quartermaster's and Commissary's Departments, and the obtaining under false pretense transportation for private property, reported thereon.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their amendment to the said bill, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President; and

Mr. Wigfall, Mr. Johnson of Georgia, and Mr. Davis were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 35) to reorganize and promote the efficiency of the medical branch of the military service, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 120) to regulate the rank of officers of the Provisional Corps of Artillery on ordnance duty, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 120) last mentioned; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 127) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide a staff and clerical force for any general who may be assigned by the President to duty at the seat of government," approved March 25, 1862; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill (H. R. 65) to create a provisional navy of the Confederate States was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until the first Monday in December next,

It was determined in the negative.

No amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	14
	{ Nays	4

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Caperton, Clark, Davis, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Peyton, Phelan, Semmes, and Simms.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Clay, and Johnson of Georgia.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 70) in relation to the receipt of counterfeit Treasury notes by public officers; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

S. 90. An act relative to certain bonds and Treasury notes issued under the provisions of the act approved May 16, 1861;

H. R. 20. An act to allow commutation for clothing to the militia in actual service of the Confederate States;

H. R. 30. An act to punish forgery and counterfeiting;

H. R. 34. An act concerning fees of district attorneys; and

H. R. 13. Joint resolution to establish a seal for the Confederate States.

The President having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 28) to increase the pay of all noncommissioned officers and privates in the Army of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Clay, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the first section the following proviso:

Provided, That said sum shall only be payable at the close of the present war, when the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to issue bonds or registered stock, to the amount of increased pay then due, payable at any time after the expiration of ten years, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent, payable half-yearly, which said bonds or stock he shall cause to be delivered to the several States of this Confederacy in proportion to the average number of troops furnished by each to the Confederate Government for the prosecution of the war, that they may apply the amounts delivered to them, respectively, to the use of indigent, sick, or wounded soldiers, and of the indigent families of deceased soldiers, as the legislature of each State shall deem proper,

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas demanded the question; which was not seconded.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Clay,
After debate,

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until the first Monday in December next,

Mr. Barnwell demanded the question; which was seconded, and
The question being put,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas.....	9
	{ Nays	8

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnwell, Burnett, Clark, Clay, Davis, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Phelan, Semmes, and Simms.

So it was

Ordered, That the further consideration of this bill be postponed until the first Monday in December next.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to their amendment to the bill (H. R. 3) to repeal certain clauses of an act entitled "An act to exempt certain persons from military service," etc., approved October 11, 1862; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 67) to provide for holding elections for Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States in the State of Tennessee, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 67) last mentioned; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The bill (H. R. 68) to provide for the election of members of Congress for certain districts of the State of Louisiana was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 55) to provide for the appointment of military storekeepers in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 13) in relation to the public printing; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The bill (H. R. 66) to change the place of holding the district court for the western district of Texas was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That 300 copies of the act entitled "An act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States," and of the act entitled "An act for the assessment and collection of taxes," be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 139) for the relief of William Bowles, Richard M. Bowles, and others; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the first Monday in December next.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 41) to provide for the payment of the interest on the removal and subsistence fund due the Cherokee Indians in North Carolina, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 41) last mentioned; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 71. An act to facilitate the detection of frauds in the Commissary and Quartermaster's Departments;

H. R. 72. An act to prevent the sale, exchange, or other disposition of the Treasury notes, bonds, etc., issued under the authority of the United States, etc.;

H. R. 16. Joint resolution of thanks to Gen. G. T. Beauregard and the officers and men of his command for the repulse of the ironclad fleet of the enemy from the harbor of Charleston on the 7th of April, 1863;

H. R. 17. Joint resolution of thanks to Maj. Oscar M. Watkins and the officers and men under his command; and

H. R. 18. Joint resolution of thanks to Maj. J. L. Brent and the officers and soldiers under his command for their gallantry in capturing the Federal gunboat *Indianola*.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 138) to amend an act entitled "An act to better provide for the sick and wounded of the Army in hospitals," approved September 27, 1862.

On motion by Mr. Simms, to amend the bill by inserting after "places," section 1, line 9, the word "used," and by inserting after "field," in the same line, the words "as hospitals,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Simms, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the first section the following proviso:

Provided, That twenty-five cents for each ration so commuted shall not be drawn or appropriated until the Secretary of War shall deem the same necessary to purchase suitable supplies for the use of the sick and disabled of the Army,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until the first Monday in December next, It was determined in the negative.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Hunter,

Ordered, That the Senate take a recess until 7 o'clock p. m.

7 O'CLOCK P. M.

The following bills, received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, were severally read the first and second times:

H. R. 64. An act to provide for placing in the military service of the Confederate States citizens of the United States residing or sojourning within the limits of the Confederate States; and

H. R. 69. An act authorizing the detail of men for service in the Engineer Department.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The bill (H. R. 70) in relation to the receipt of counterfeit Treasury notes by public officers was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The bill (H. R. 71) to facilitate the detection of frauds in the Commissary and Quartermaster's Departments was read the first and second times; and

On motion by Mr. Hunter,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

The following joint resolutions were severally read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole:

H. R. 16. Joint resolution of thanks to Gen. G. T. Beauregard and the officers and men of his command for the repulse of the ironclad fleet of the enemy from the harbor of Charleston on the 7th of April, 1863; and

H. R. 17. Joint resolution of thanks to Maj. Oscar M. Watkins and the officers and men under his command;

And no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said resolutions were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The bill (H. R. 72) to prevent the sale, exchange, or other disposition of the Treasury notes, bonds, etc., issued under the authority of the United States, etc., received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The joint resolution (H. R. 18) of thanks to Maj. J. L. Brent and the officers and soldiers under his command for their gallantry in capturing the Federal gunboat Indianola was read the first and second times; and

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 15) for the establishment and equalization of the grade of officers of the Navy of the Confederate States, and for other purposes; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That they lie upon the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 19) to amend an act to organize the clerical force of the Treasury Department, disagreed to by the Senate and insisted on by the House; and

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Resolved, That the Senate recede from their disagreement to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 116) to authorize the Secretary of War to purchase or lease real estate, disagreed to by the Senate and insisted on by the House; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Resolved, That the Senate recede from their disagreement to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 118) to authorize the establishment of express mails; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

S. 56. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts," approved October 9, 1862;

S. 62. An act to pay officers, noncommissioned officers, and privates not legally mustered into the service of the Confederate States for services actually performed;

S. 68. An act to abolish all ports of delivery in the Confederate States;

S. 74. An act to amend an act entitled "An act for the establishment and organization of a general staff for the Army of the Confederate States of America," approved February 26, 1861;

S. 81. An act to provide for the payment of certain North Carolina troops from the time of their enlistment;

S. 88. An act in relation to the custody of persons charged with offenses against the Confederate States;

S. 107. An act to provide for the transfer of persons serving in the Army to the Navy;

H. R. 49. An act regulating the granting of furloughs and discharges in hospitals;

H. R. 26. An act for the assessment and collection of taxes;

H. R. 59. An act to continue and amend the third section of an act supplementary to an act concerning the pay and allowance due to deceased soldiers, approved February 15, 1862, and to provide for the prompt settlement of claims for arrearages of pay, allowance, and bounty due deceased officers and soldiers; and

H. R. 10. Joint resolution to provide for the payment of certain accounts of the acting quartermaster and other officers of the Indian troops.

The President having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has to-day approved and signed the following acts:

S. 87. An act to regulate the supplies of clothing to enlisted men of the Navy during the war;

S. 96. An act to increase the pay of masters' mates in the Navy;

S. 104. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to appoint clerks to the commandant and quartermaster of the Marine Corps;

S. 108. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate impressments," approved March 26, 1863;

S. 128. An act to authorize the appointment of a chief constructor in the Navy, and to fix the pay; and

S. 134. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act recognizing the existence of war between the United States and the Confederate States, and concerning letters of marque, prizes and prize goods,' approved May sixth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one," approved May 21, 1861, and numbered 170 of the acts of the second session of the Provisional Congress of 1861.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 73) to establish certain post routes therein named; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have receded from their disagreement to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 14) to prevent fraud in the Quartermaster's and Commissary's Departments, and the obtaining under false pretense transportation for private property.

And they have concurred in the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution (H. R. 13) to establish a seal for the Confederate States.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that, on the 28th instant, he approved and signed an act (H. R. 44) for the relief of John Prosser Tabb;

And that on the 29th instant he approved and signed the following acts:

H. R. 40. An act to prescribe the rates of postage on newspapers, periodicals, books, and transient and other matter, and to repeal in part the second section of the act approved May 13, 1861, to amend an act to prescribe the rates of postage in the Confederate States of America, and for other purposes, approved February 23, 1861;

H. R. 46. An act for the relief of Lieut. Thomas T. Kirtland;

H. R. 48. An act allowing hospital accommodations to sick and wounded officers;
H. R. 58. An act to admit free of duty all machinery for the manufacture of cotton or wool, or necessary for carrying on any of the mechanic arts; and

H. R. 60. An act to declare the meaning and extend the provisions of an act entitled "An act to increase the pay of certain officers and employees in the executive and legislative departments," approved October 13, 1862.

And that he has to-day approved and signed an act (H. R. 20) to allow commutation for clothing to the militia in actual service of the Confederate States.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

On motion by Mr. Clay,
The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 63) to aid the several Departments in the investigation of accounts, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (S. 130) supplementary to an act to provide for the funding and further issue of Treasury notes.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Semmes, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the joint resolution (S. 2) relative to the plan of retaliation proposed in the President's message, reported

That they recommend that the Senate agree to the amendment of the House of Representatives, amended so as to read as follows:

"Resolved by the Congress of the Confederate States of America, in response to the message of the President transmitted to Congress at the commencement of the present session, That, in the opinion of Congress, the commissioned officers of the enemy ought not to be delivered to the authorities of the respective States, as suggested in the said message; but all captives taken by the Confederate forces ought to be dealt with and disposed of by the Confederate Government.

"2. That, in the judgment of Congress, the proclamations of the President of the United States, dated, respectively, September 22, 1862, and January 1, 1863, and the other measures of the Government of the United States and of its authorities, commanders, and forces, designed or tending to emancipate slaves in the Confederate States, or to abduct such slaves, or to incite them to insurrection, or to employ negroes in war against the Confederate States, or to overthrow the institution of African slavery and bring on a servile war in these States, would, if successful, produce atrocious consequences, and they are inconsistent with the spirit of those usages which in modern warfare prevail among civilized nations. They may, therefore, be properly and lawfully repressed by retaliation.

"3. That in every case wherein, during the present war, any violation of the laws or usages of war among civilized nations shall be or has been done and perpetrated

by those acting under the authority of the Government of the United States, on the persons or property of citizens of the Confederate States, or of those under the protection or in the land or naval service of the Confederate States, or of any State of the Confederacy, the President of the Confederate States is hereby authorized to cause full and ample retaliation to be made for every such violation in such manner and to such extent as he may think proper.

"4. That every white person, being a commissioned officer, or acting as such, who during the present war shall command negroes or mulattoes in arms against the Confederate States, or who shall arm, train, organize, or prepare negroes or mulattoes for military service against the Confederate States, or who shall voluntarily aid negroes or mulattoes in any military enterprise, attack, or conflict in such service, shall be deemed as inciting servile insurrection, and shall, if captured, be put to death, or be otherwise punished, at the discretion of the court.

"5. Every person being a commissioned officer or acting as such in the service of the enemy who shall, during the present war, excite, attempt to excite, or cause to be excited a servile insurrection or who shall incite or cause to be incited a slave to rebel shall, if captured, be put to death or be otherwise punished, at the discretion of the court.

"6. Every person charged with an offense punishable under the preceding resolutions shall, during the present war, be tried before the military court attached to the army or corps by the troops of which he shall have been captured or by such other military court as the President may direct and in such manner and under such regulations as the President shall prescribe; and, after conviction, the President may commute the punishment in such manner and on such terms as he may deem proper.

"7. All negroes and mulattoes who shall be engaged in war or be taken in arms against the Confederate States or shall give aid or comfort to the enemies of the Confederate States shall, when captured in the Confederate States, be delivered to the authorities of the State or States in which they shall be captured, to be dealt with according to the present or future laws of such State or States."

And that the title of the resolution be amended so as to read "Joint resolutions on the subject of retaliation."

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the proceedings of the Senate on the joint resolution (S. 2) on the subject of retaliation, when the same shall have been approved and signed by the President.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 61. An act to authorize the President to contract for the construction and equipment of vessels for the Navy abroad; and

S. 133. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to make appropriations for ironclad and other war steamers, steam engines, and other supplies contracted for abroad."

The President having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 112) to facilitate transportation for the Government.

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 30, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 29, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonel.

Lieut. Col. Jos. H. Ham, of Virginia, to be colonel Sixteenth Virginia Regiment, vice Col. C. A. Crump, killed September 1, 1862.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. William R. Hardy, of Arkansas, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-fourth Arkansas Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. T. M. Whittington, resigned December 1, 1862.

Maj. R. O. Whitehead, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixteenth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. F. D. Holladay, resigned March 16, 1863.

Maj. James Aiken, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirteenth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. W. H. Betts, resigned January 14, 1863.

Maj. W. L. Moody, of Texas, to be lieutenant-colonel Seventh Texas Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. H. B. Granbury, promoted August 29, 1862.

Majors.

Capt. J. T. Smith, of Alabama, to be major Thirteenth Alabama Regiment, vice Maj. James Aiken, promoted January 14, 1863.

Capt. J. C. Timberlake, of Virginia, to be major Fifty-third Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. R. W. Martin, promoted March 5, 1863.

Capt. K. M. Van Zandt, of Texas, to be major Seventh Texas Regiment vice Maj. W. L. Moody, promoted August 29, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 30, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 27, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Adjutants, with the rank of first lieutenant.

J. L. McCaskill, of Mississippi, for duty with the Eighth Mississippi Regiment, to rank from April 2, 1863.

C. T. Bannerman, of Texas, for duty with Sixth Texas Battalion Cavalry, to rank from March 1, 1863.

John H. Parr, of Virginia, for duty with Seventh Virginia Regiment, to rank from March 1, 1863.

B. H. Nash, of Virginia, for duty with Forty-first Virginia Regiment, to rank from April 8, 1863.

Robert W. Jones, of Arkansas, for duty with Twentieth Arkansas Regiment, to rank from March 21, 1863.

J. Whit Thomas, of Alabama, for duty with Sixth Alabama Regiment, to rank from April 11, 1863.

J. H. Welborn, of North Carolina, for duty with Twenty-second North Carolina Regiment, to rank from April 7, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 30, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 27, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Assistant quartermasters, with the rank of captain.

William B. Calhoun, of Arkansas, for duty with First Battalion Arkansas Cavalry, to rank from July 19, 1862.

G. L. Harris, of Tennessee, for duty with Fifty-fifth Tennessee Regiment, to rank from March 1, 1863.

John R. Suddurth, of North Carolina, for duty with Thirty-third North Carolina Regiment, to rank from April 3, 1863.

A. J. Whitlock, of Georgia, for duty with Twenty-first Georgia Regiment, to rank from April 8, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 30, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 27, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Captain.

First Lieut. B. H. Hardee, of Georgia, to be captain, First Battalion Georgia Sharpshooters, vice Capt. A. Shaaff, promoted January 20, 1863.

First lieutenant.

Second Lieut. H. Herrmann, of Georgia, to be first lieutenant, First Battalion Georgia Sharpshooters, vice First Lieut. B. H. Hardee, promoted January 20, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 30, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Thomas Hardeman, of Georgia, to be major, as commandant of camp of instruction, Macon, Ga.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 27, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

COMMANDANT OF CAMP OF INSTRUCTION, UNDER ACT APPROVED OCTOBER 8, 1862.

Major.

Thomas Hardeman, of Georgia, for duty as commandant of camp of instruction, Macon, Ga., to rank from March 26, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, April 30, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the annexed list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 27, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Second lieutenants.

W. F. Colcock, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), to rank from April 20, 1863.

C. W. Godfrey, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), to rank from April 20, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, Va., April 30, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 27, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for distinguished valor and skill:

Second lieutenants.

L. Gustine, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant Company B, Twenty-fifth Louisiana Regiment, to rank from April 5, 1863.

J. H. Prater, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant Company C, Twenty-fifth Louisiana Regiment, to rank from April 5, 1863.

John C. Singleton, of Kentucky, to be second lieutenant Company G, Sixth Kentucky Cavalry Regiment, to rank from March 20, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 30, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the annexed list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, April 17, 1863.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Brigade quartermasters, with the rank of major.

Charles B. Moore, of Arkansas, for duty with Brig. Gen. D. McRae's brigade, to rank from February 14, 1863.

W. A. Rayburn, of Mississippi, for duty with Brig. Gen. E. C. Walthall's brigade, to rank from February 12, 1863.

Assistant quartermaster, with the rank of captain.

James J. Villepigue, of South Carolina, for duty with Second South Carolina Regiment, to rank from November 18, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

RICHMOND, April 30, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the annexed list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, April 17, 1863.

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS-GENERAL.

Captains.

James W. McConaughy, of Arkansas, to be captain, for duty with Brig. Gen. D. McRae's brigade, February 14, 1863.

E. T. Sykes, of Mississippi, to be captain, for duty with Brig. Gen. E. C. Walthall, February 12, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

The messages were severally read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nominations therein contained; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to their respective nominations by the President.

RICHMOND, April 30, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Richmond, April 15, 1863.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Brigade quartermasters, with rank of major.

Thomas Shumate, of Virginia, for duty with Brig. Gen. J. D. Imboden's brigade, to rank from January 28, 1863.

John T. Sibley, of South Carolina, for duty with Brig. Gen. S. D. Lee's brigade, to rank from February 1, 1863.

Daniel N. Speer, of Georgia, for duty with Brig. Gen. A. R. Lawton's brigade, to rank from November 28, 1862.

John F. Womack, of Texas, for duty with Brig. Gen. E. Greer's brigade, to rank from November 15, 1862.

Assistant quartermasters, with rank of captain:

James R. Ward, of Virginia, for duty with Sixteenth Virginia Regiment, March 2, 1863.

R. C. Shorter, of Georgia, for duty with Seventeenth Georgia Regiment, March 3, 1863.

E. J. MacGavock, of Tennessee, for duty with Tenth Tennessee Regiment, February 1, 1863.

James E. Blair, of Virginia, for duty with Nineteenth Virginia Regiment, January 1, 1863.

A. D. Abrahams, of Georgia, for duty with Forty-first Georgia Regiment, June 6, 1862.

Samuel Hunter, of Georgia, for duty with Second Georgia Battalion, March 23, 1862.

A. J. Wolf, of Arkansas, for duty with Fourteenth Arkansas Regiment, May 16, 1862.

Hiram R. Lott, of Mississippi, for duty with First Mississippi Regiment Artillery, January 10, 1863.

Fletcher Austin, of Arkansas, for duty with Twenty-seventh Arkansas Regiment, July 14, 1862.

L. D. Holloway, of Kentucky, for duty with Fifth Kentucky Cavalry Regiment March 14, 1863.

B. L. Dyer, of Tennessee, for duty with Thirteenth Tennessee Regiment, June 5, 1862.

E. Scanlan, of Arkansas, for duty with Choctaw Battalion, March 1, 1863.

John H. Gibboney, of Virginia, for duty at Wytheville, Va., March 19, 1863.

E. T. Henry, of Mississippi, for duty at Jackson, Miss., January 26, 1863.

Todd Hall, of Kentucky, for duty with Third Kentucky Battalion Cavalry, November 29, 1862.

W. G. Gray, of Georgia, for duty with First Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, March 1, 1863.

R. L. McCaughrin, of South Carolina, for duty with Fourteenth South Carolina Regiment, March 23, 1863.

W. P. Webb, of North Carolina, for duty with Fifty-fifth North Carolina Regiment, March 10, 1863.

A. F. Flowers, of Texas, for duty with Sixteenth Texas Regiment, March 14, 1863.

C. A. Durham, of North Carolina, for duty with Forty-ninth North Carolina Regiment, March 1, 1863.

W. H. Rhea, of Tennessee, for duty with Second Tennessee Regiment, June 1, 1862.

N. C. MacDuffie, of South Carolina, for duty with Twenty-first South Carolina Regiment, March 21, 1863.

T. D. Kingsbury, of Arkansas, for duty at Arkadelphia, Ark., March 20, 1863.

George Taylor, of Arkansas, for duty at Washington, Ark., March 20, 1863.

J. S. Ives, of North Carolina, for duty with Twelfth North Carolina Battalion, Partisan Rangers, September 30, 1862.

S. R. Proctor, of South Carolina, for duty at Florence, S. C., February 16, 1863.

E. B. Whitfield, of Arkansas, for duty with Eleventh Arkansas Regiment, October 1, 1862.

E. J. Felder, of South Carolina, for duty with Second South Carolina Regiment Artillery, February 1, 1862.

C. D. Sullivan, of Arkansas, for duty with Second Arkansas Regiment, July 1, 1862.

F. C. Sollee, of Florida, for duty with First Florida Battalion, February 18, 1863.

James Long, of Texas, for duty at Paris, Tex., April 4, 1863.

F. Barksdale, of Mississippi, for duty with Sixteenth Mississippi Regiment, March 16, 1863.

T. R. Franklin, jr., of Texas, for duty with Twenty-sixth Texas Cavalry Regiment, February 1, 1863.

G. G. Westcott, of Virginia, for duty with Carter's Battalion Artillery, March 23, 1863.

R. M. McClellan, of Mississippi, for duty with Jeff. Davis Legion, November 1, 1862.

Z. B. Garrison, of Texas, for duty with Fourteenth Texas Cavalry Regiment, March 16, 1863.

W. Matheson, of Arkansas, for duty with Seventeenth Arkansas Regiment, January 1, 1863.

J. B. Briggs, of Tennessee, for duty with Fourth Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, February 19, 1863.

F. Siebert, of Texas, for duty with Third Texas Regiment, January 18, 1863.

Archibald Hughes, of Tennessee, for duty with Forty-first Tennessee Regiment, November 1, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That the nomination of T. R. Franklin, jr., lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider the residue of the nominations contained in the message; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, April 30, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Richmond, April 27, 1863.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Artillery officers, under act approved April 21, 1862.

George W. Anderson, of Georgia, to be major of artillery, ordered to report to General Beauregard, April 22, 1863.

R. E. Graves, of Tennessee, to be major of artillery, ordered to report to Gen. J. C. Breckinridge, March 29, 1863.

F. H. Robertson, of Texas, to be major of artillery, ordered to report to Gen. B. Bragg, April 23, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

The message was read.

Ordered, That the nomination of F. H. Robertson be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nominations of George W. Anderson and R. E. Graves, to be majors of artillery; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *April 30, 1863.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, Va., April 29, 1863.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Brigade commissaries, with the rank of major.

William J. Sykes, of Tennessee, for duty with Gen. W. B. Bate's brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

David A. Jones, of Virginia, for duty with Gen. J. R. Jones' brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

L. H. Oliver, of Arkansas, for duty with Gen. J. E. Rains' (late) brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

G. V. Rambaut, jr., of Virginia, for duty with Gen. N. B. Forrest's brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

H. C. Wood, of Alabama, for duty with Gen. S. A. M. Wood's brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

L. Ellenburg, of Arkansas, for duty with Gen. St. J. R. Liddell's brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

H. Evans, of Kentucky, for duty with Gen. Tom. Taylor's brigade, to rank from October 31, 1862.

A. J. Dade, of Virginia, for duty with Gen. W. H. F. Lee's brigade, to rank from October 30, 1862.

H. H. Haynie, of Texas, for duty with Gen. W. R. Scurry's brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

C. R. Railey, of Louisiana, for duty with Gen. D. W. Adams' brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

W. J. McMahon, of Tennessee, for duty with Gen. J. C. Vaughn's brigade, to rank from November 5, 1862.

S. H. King, of Mississippi, for duty with Gen. P. Smith's brigade, to rank from October 27, 1862.

T. P. Weakley, of Texas, for duty with Col. F. M. Walker, commanding brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

S. R. Harrison, of Mississippi, for duty with Gen. J. R. Davis' brigade, to rank from November 1, 1862.

J. S. Hayes, of Virginia, for duty with Gen. J. R. Cooke's brigade, to rank from November 9, 1862.

J. B. Morgan, of Georgia, for duty with Gen. A. H. Colquitt's brigade, to rank from November 11, 1862.

T. S. Barton, of Virginia, for duty with Gen. H. Heth's brigade, to rank from October 27, 1862.

W. B. Warwick, of Virginia, for duty with Gen. Fitz. Lee's brigade, to rank from November 8, 1862.

A. R. H. Ranson, of Virginia, for duty with Gen. J. Pegram's brigade, to rank from November 19, 1862.

J. H. F. Mayo, of Virginia, for duty with Gen. A. Cumming's brigade, to rank from November 3, 1862.

J. G. Connelley, of Arkansas, for duty with Gen. J. F. Fagan's brigade, to rank from November 5, 1862.

R. S. Gage, of North Carolina, for duty with Gen. T. L. Clingman's brigade, to rank from November 27, 1862.

H. B. Whitfield, of Mississippi, for duty with Gen. W. E. Baldwin's brigade, to rank from November 12, 1862.

S. H. Mulherrin, of Arkansas, for duty with Gen. E. McNair's brigade, to rank from November 1, 1862.

R. C. Williams, of Florida, for duty with Gen. W. G. M. Davis' brigade, to rank from November 11, 1862.

J. G. Richardson, of Alabama, for duty with Gen. F. T. Nicholls' brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

Aug. J. Byrd, of Texas, for duty with Col. W. H. Parsons, commanding brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

B. G. Thomas, of Kentucky, for duty with Gen. A. Buford's brigade, to rank from December 11, 1862.

R. H. Simmons, of Texas, for duty with Gen. J. A. Wharton's brigade, to rank from November 18, 1862.

W. P. Elliott, of Kentucky, for duty with Gen. J. H. Morgan's brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

B. F. Evans, of South Carolina, for duty with Gen. M. Gregg's brigade, to rank from December 5, 1862.

W. P. Hollingsworth, of Alabama, for duty with General Tracy's brigade, to rank from November 3, 1862.

John E. Bacon, of Florida, for duty with Gen. W. S. Walker's brigade, to rank from December 17, 1862.

G. B. Dyer, of South Carolina, for duty with Gen. S. D. Lee's brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

S. Simons, of South Carolina, for duty with Gen. J. H. Trapier's brigade, to rank from December 4, 1862.

I. H. Earle, of Texas, for duty with Gen. H. E. McCulloch's brigade, to rank from December 13, 1862.

W. A. Shephard, of Virginia, for duty with Gen. R. A. Pryor's brigade, to rank from December 30, 1862.

J. K. P. Campbell, of Arkansas, for duty with General Churchill's brigade, to rank from December 2, 1862.

C. D. Brown, of Alabama, for duty with Gen. A. Gracie's brigade, to rank from December 14, 1862.

J. A. Johnston, of Virginia, for duty with Gen. R. B. Garnett's brigade, to rank from December 1, 1862.

J. Hockenull, of Georgia, for duty with Gen. G. T. Anderson's brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

J. S. Mouton, of Louisiana, for duty with Gen. A. Mouton's brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

RICHMOND, April 30, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the annexed list to the ranks affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, April 23, 1863.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS-GENERAL.

Majors.

E. H. Cummins, of Virginia, for duty with Maj. Gen. D. H. Maury, to rank from November 4, 1862.

D. W. Flowerree, of Virginia, for duty with Maj. Gen. D. H. Maury, to rank from November 4, 1862.

G. B. Cooke, of Virginia, for duty with Maj. Gen. Samuel Jones, to rank from December 9, 1862.

Samuel Hale, of Virginia, for duty with Maj. Gen. Jubal A. Early, to rank from January 21, 1863.

E. S. Binford, of Georgia, for duty with Maj. Gen. Jos. Wheeler, to rank from January 1, 1863.

W. F. Mastin, of Kentucky, for duty with Maj. Gen. S. B. Buckner, to rank from January 26, 1863.

J. K. Dixon, of Arkansas, for duty with Maj. Gen. P. R. Cleburne, to rank from January 25, 1863.

C. Benham, of Arkansas, for duty with Maj. Gen. P. R. Cleburne, to rank from December 13, 1862.

Captains.

J. A. Engelhard, of North Carolina, for duty with Gen. W. D. Pender's brigade, to rank from December 29, 1862.

H. P. Pratt, of Tennessee, for duty with Lieut. Gen. E. K. Smith, to rank from October 14, 1862.

H. W. Hand, of Arkansas, for duty with Gen. A. Rust's brigade, to rank from January 5, 1863.

J. L. Sandford, of Kentucky, for duty with Gen. H. Marshall's brigade, to rank from December 27, 1862.

T. J. Portis, of Alabama, for duty with Gen. J. Adams' brigade, to rank from January 11, 1863.

R. M. Sims, of North Carolina, for duty with Gen. M. Jenkins' brigade, to rank from January 1, 1863.

W. C. Yancey, of Tennessee, for duty with Gen. W. B. Bate's brigade, to rank from November 17, 1862.

Charles S. West, of Virginia, for duty with Maj. Gen. J. B. Magruder, to rank from December 26, 1862.

A. Tappan, of Arkansas, for duty with Gen. J. C. Tappan's brigade, to rank from January 26, 1863.

G. B. Johnston, of North Carolina, for duty with Gen. J. H. Lane's brigade, to rank from January 19, 1863.

W. B. Pittman, of Missouri, for duty with Gen. M. E. Green's brigade, to rank from January 25, 1863.

L. Trousdale, of Tennessee, for duty with Gen. M. J. Wright's brigade, to rank from January 20, 1863.

G. Moorman, of Tennessee, for duty with Gen. W. H. Jackson's brigade, to rank from January 6, 1863.

J. N. Galleher, of Kentucky, for duty with Maj. Gen. S. B. Buckner, to rank from January 26, 1863.

R. A. Hatcher, of Tennessee, for duty with Gen. A. P. Stewart's brigade, to rank from February 3, 1863.

T. B. Sykes, of Kentucky, for duty with Gen. L. Tilghman's brigade, to rank from January 8, 1863.

P. Haxall, of Virginia, for duty with Gen. B. H. Robertson's brigade, to rank from January 25, 1863.

W. T. Watson, of Arkansas, for duty with Gen. F. C. Armstrong's brigade, to rank from January 23, 1863.

E. F. Travis, of Alabama, for duty with Gen. Z. C. Deas' brigade, to rank from January 11, 1863.

W. A. King, of Arkansas, for duty with Gen. L. E. Polk's brigade, to rank from December 16, 1862.

E. H. Barnwell, of Florida, for duty with Gen. W. S. Walker's brigade, to rank from February 3, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, April 27, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS-GENERAL.

Majors.

John W. Daniel, of Virginia, for duty with Maj. Gen. J. A. Early, to rank from March 24, 1863.

Jos. Vaulx, jr., of Tennessee, for duty with Maj. Gen. B. F. Cheatham, to rank from October 14, 1862.

Captains.

F. B. Berkeley, of Virginia, for duty with Brig. Gen. J. D. Imboden, to rank from January 28, 1863.

R. A. Chambers, of Alabama, for duty with Brig. Gen. James Cantey, to rank from February 28, 1863.

R. A. Hatcher, of Tennessee, for duty with Brig. Gen. A. P. Stewart, to rank from January 23, 1863.

H. M. Pollard, of Missouri, for duty with Brig. Gen. M. E. Green, to rank from October 20, 1862.

T. W. Hunt, of Georgia, for duty with Lieut. Gen. W. J. Hardee, to rank from December 31, 1862.

S. Winthrop, of England, ordered to report to Gen. R. E. Lee, to rank from March 28, 1863.

B. E. Benton, of Texas, for duty with Brig. Gen. H. E. McCulloch, to rank from January 1, 1863.

Thomas W. Hall, of Texas, for duty with Brig. Gen. J. Gregg, to rank from February 27, 1863.

S. A. Willson, of Texas, for duty with Brig. Gen. E. Greer, to rank from April 1, 1863.

R. J. Benton, of Virginia, for duty with Brig. Gen. E. F. Paxton, to rank from March 28, 1863.

S. J. Benning, of Georgia, for duty with Brig. Gen. H. L. Benning, to rank from January 17, 1863.

H. J. Cheney, of Tennessee, for duty with Brig. Gen. J. C. Brown, to rank from October 14, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

RICHMOND, April 30, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the ranks affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, April 29, 1863.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

COMMANDANTS OF CAMPS OF INSTRUCTION AND ENROLLING OFFICERS, UNDER ACT
APPROVED OCTOBER 8, 1862.

Majors.

Charles S. Hardee, of Georgia, for duty as commandant of camp of instruction, Decatur, Ga., to rank from October 16, 1862.

William C. Price, of Missouri, for duty in establishing camp of instruction, Missouri line, to rank from December 3, 1862.

C. D. Melton, of South Carolina, for duty as enrolling officer, State of South Carolina.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

RICHMOND, April 30, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, April 16, 1863.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Brigade commissaries, with the rank of major.

John Waddell, of Missouri, for duty with Brig. Gen. D. M. Frost's brigade, to rank from November 1, 1862.

E. W. Halliday, of Mississippi, for duty with Brig. Gen. L. Tilghman's brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

W. M. Lock, of Virginia, for duty with Brig. Gen. J. D. Imboden's brigade, to rank from January 28, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency the PRESIDENT.

RICHMOND, April 30, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, March 28, 1863.*

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Brigade commissaries, with the rank of major.

A. H. Willie, of Texas, for duty with Brig. Gen. John Gregg's brigade, January 25, 1863.

J. C. Griffis, of Georgia, for duty with Brig. Gen. W. T. Wofford's brigade, February 17, 1863.

F. Henderson, of Tennessee, for duty with Brig. Gen. A. E. Jackson's brigade, February 9, 1863.

T. A. Hamilton, of Tennessee, for duty with Brig. Gen. J. B. Robertson's brigade, February 1, 1863.

R. H. Downman, of Virginia, for duty with Brig. Gen. B. H. Robertson's brigade, January 25, 1863.

H. H. Chalmers, of Mississippi, for duty with Brig. Gen. J. R. Chalmers' brigade, January 31, 1863.

A. N. Augustine, of Arkansas, for duty with Brig. Gen. J. C. Tappan's brigade, February 6, 1863.

A. B. Wardlaw, of South Carolina, for duty with Brig. Gen. S. McGowan's brigade, February 10, 1863.

James D. Maney, of Tennessee, for duty with Brig. Gen. George Maney's brigade, October 14, 1862.

W. S. Ballard, of Georgia, for duty with the late Brigadier-General Toombs' brigade, March 6, 1863.

H. A. Higley, of Tennessee, for duty with Brig. Gen. W. W. Mackall's brigade, February 2, 1863.

Taz. Thompson, of Virginia, for duty with Brig. Gen. J. S. Williams' brigade, February 22, 1863.

W. G. Merrick, of Missouri, for duty with the late Brig. Gen. H. Little's brigade, October 14, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

RICHMOND, April 30, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, April 30, 1863.*

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Assistant commissaries, with the rank of captain.

John Q. St. Clair, of Texas, for duty at Tyler, Tex., January 1, 1863.

George G. Gregg, of Texas, for duty at Marshall, Tex., April 1, 1863.

G. S. Cecil, of Tennessee, for duty at Jonesboro, Tenn., March 18, 1863.

C. P. King, of Arkansas, for duty at Arkadelphia, Ark. (in charge of salt works), October 14, 1862.

R. T. Cook, of Arkansas, for duty at Arkadelphia, Ark., October 14, 1862.

C. N. Roberts, of Arkansas, for duty at Little Rock, Ark., October 14, 1862.

J. T. Fisher, of Arkansas, for duty at Jacksonport, Ark., October 14, 1862.

A. M. Ward, of Arkansas, for duty at Clarksville, Ark., October 14, 1862.

A. J. Smith, of Tennessee, for duty at Knoxville, Tenn. (obtaining hospital supplies), March 18, 1863.

John H. Nelson, of Mississippi, for duty at Vicksburg, Miss., February 10, 1863.

William E. De Mill, of North Carolina, for duty at Greenville, N. C., April 13, 1863.

S. D. Stockman, of Tennessee, for duty at Tullahoma, Tenn., October 14, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

The messages were severally read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nominations therein contained; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the nomination of M. M. Parsons, to be brigadier-general, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the nomination of M. L. Smith, to be major-general, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the nomination of E. M. Burton, to be postmaster at Montgomery, Ala., reported the same.

The Senate proceeded to consider said nomination; and

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That the nomination of E. M. Burton for postmaster at Montgomery, Ala., be continued until the next session of Congress for the further consideration of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads be discharged from the further consideration of the message of the President of the 25th instant, announcing the removal of certain postmasters.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, April 30, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the annexed list to the ranks affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, April 17, 1863.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Brigade commissaries, with the rank of major.

James R. Upshaw, of Arkansas, for duty with Brig. Gen. D. McRae's brigade, to rank from February 14, 1863.

John A. Hooper, of Mississippi, for duty with Brig. Gen. E. C. Walthall's brigade, to rank from February 12, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

RICHMOND, *April 30, 1863.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Col. A. M. Manigault, of South Carolina, for promotion, as brigadier-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, to rank from April 26, 1863.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, April 27, 1863.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of the following for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Brigadier-general.

Col. A. M. Manigault, of South Carolina, to be brigadier-general, to command the Fourth Brigade, Withers' division, to rank from April 26, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

RICHMOND, *April 30, 1863.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, April —, 1863.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Brigade quartermasters, with the rank of major.

William Barnewall, jr., of Tennessee, for duty with Brig. Gen. W. W. Mackall's brigade, to rank from February 2, 1863.

H. Carrington Watkins, of Virginia, for duty with Wise's brigade, to rank from February 23, 1863.

Assistant quartermasters, with the rank of captain.

Thomas B. Gowan, of Georgia, for duty with the Fifth Georgia Cavalry Regiment, to rank from February 15, 1863.

R. M. Gaines, jr., of —, for duty with Maj. C. E. Carr, to take rank from March 2, 1863.

W. P. Watts, of Alabama, for duty with the Twenty-ninth Alabama Regiment, to rank from February 10, 1863.

George J. Rogers, of Virginia, for duty with the Forty-first Virginia Regiment, to rank from February 1, 1863.

J. G. Parish, of Virginia, for duty with the Forty-ninth Virginia Regiment, to rank from March 5, 1863.

Ira J. McGinnis, of Virginia, for duty with the Thirty-fourth Virginia Cavalry Battalion, to rank from March 1, 1863.

Charles J. Campbell, of Tennessee, for duty with the Fourth Tennessee Regiment, to rank from January 22, 1863.

S. F. Pennington, of Louisiana, for duty with the Seventeenth Louisiana Regiment, to rank from February 13, 1863.

Robert A. Tilden, of Virginia, for duty with the Sixty-second Virginia Regiment, to rank from February 26, 1863.

Ignatius W. Dorsey, of Maryland, for duty with the First Maryland Cavalry Battalion, to rank from February 26, 1863.

Pryor Reynolds, of North Carolina, for duty with the Forty-sixth North Carolina Regiment, to rank from February 28, 1863.

Henry A. Newman, of Georgia, for duty with the Forty-third Georgia Regiment, to rank from February 6, 1863.

W. N. Norwood, of Texas, for duty with the Fifth Texas Regiment, to rank from January 1, 1863.

William G. Thomas, of Texas, for duty at camp of instruction, Tyler, Tex., to rank from January 9, 1863.

George Center, of Florida, for duty with the Second Florida Cavalry Regiment, to rank from February 22, 1863.

H. K. Cochran, of Virginia, for duty with the Fourteenth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank from February 24, 1863.

A. B. Redding, of Georgia, for duty with the Thirty-first Georgia Regiment, to rank from February 20, 1863.

J. G. Blount, of North Carolina, for duty at Fort St. Philip, N. C., to rank from March 19, 1863.

Thomas M. Folkes, of Mississippi, for duty with the Forty-eighth Mississippi Regiment, to rank from February 25, 1863.

Thomas H. Bostick, of Tennessee, for duty with the Thirty-fourth Tennessee Regiment, to rank from February 26, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

His Excellency the PRESIDENT.

The messages were severally read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nominations contained therein; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., April 30, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, April 24, 1863.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Brigade quartermasters, with the rank of major.

George P. Collins, of North Carolina, for duty with Brigadier-General Pettigrew's brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

E. W. Baylor, of Kentucky, for duty with Brig. Gen. J. K. Duncan's brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

R. W. Sanders, of Louisiana, for duty with Brig. Gen. A. Mouton's brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

Edward P. Tyree, of Tennessee, for duty with Brig. Gen. W. B. Bate's brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

James Bruce, of Virginia, for duty with Brig. Gen. J. R. Jones' brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

Joseph H. Finks, of Missouri, for duty with Brig. Gen. D. M. Frost's brigade, to rank from October 15, 1862.

D. H. Wood, of Virginia, to report for duty to Quartermaster-General as Chief of Transportation at Richmond, to rank from October 14, 1862.

Martin Walt, of Virginia, for duty with Brig. Gen. S. A. M. Wood's brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

A. L. Landis, of Tennessee, for duty with Brigadier-General Liddell's brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

Charles Waite, of Virginia, for duty with Brig. Gen. W. H. F. Lee's brigade, to rank from October 30, 1862.

John T. Roberts, of Louisiana, for duty with Brig. Gen. Tom Taylor's brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

E. H. Ezell, of Georgia, for duty with Brigadier-General Leadbetter's brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

W. H. Scruggs, of Alabama, for duty with Brig. Gen. E. M. Law's brigade, to rank from November 1, 1862.

H. Hammond, of South Carolina, for duty with Brigadier-General Gregg's (now McGowan's) brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

M. H. Stephens, of Tennessee, for duty with Brigadier-General Vaughn's brigade, to rank from November 5, 1862.

E. A. Beecher, of Tennessee, for duty with Brig. Gen. P. Smith's brigade, to rank from October 28, 1862.

James S. Reid, of Mississippi, for duty with Brig. Gen. J. R. Davis' brigade, to rank from November 1, 1862.

R. N. Ely, of Georgia, for duty with Brigadier-General Colquitt's brigade, to rank from November 11, 1862.

G. W. Crane, of Virginia, for duty with Brigadier-General Heth's brigade, to rank from October 27, 1862.

W. M. Stone, of Virginia, for duty with Brig. Gen. J. G. Walker's brigade, to rank from November 11, 1862.

J. B. Ford, of Arkansas, for duty with Brig. Gen. D. McRae's brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

Thomas C. Clarke, of Alabama, for duty with Col. A. W. Reynolds' brigade, to rank from November 10, 1862.

Simeon Hart, of Texas, to report for duty to Quartermaster-General, to rank from November 14, 1862.

T. Hawkins, of Arkansas, for duty with Brigadier-General Cleburne's brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

E. L. Stainback, of Virginia, for duty with Brigadier-General Pegram's brigade, to rank from November 19, 1862.

J. D. Thomas, of Arkansas, for duty with Brig. Gen. L. M. Walker's brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

J. R. Braithwaite, of Virginia, for duty with Brigadier-General Paxton's brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

J. L. Hubbard, of Virginia, for duty with Brig. Gen. B. H. Robertson's brigade, to rank from November 22, 1862.

G. R. R. Dunn, of Virginia, for duty with Colonel McCausland, commanding brigade, to rank from November 14, 1862.

Wiley B. Ector, of Texas, for duty with Brigadier-General Ector's brigade, to rank from November 4, 1862.

John C. Maynard, of Virginia, for duty with Col. J. C. Shields, commanding conscripts, to rank December 12, 1862.

B. T. Duval, of Arkansas, for duty with Brigadier-General Fagan's brigade, to rank from November 5, 1862.

J. Vernoy, of Georgia, for duty with Brigadier-General Trimble's (late) brigade, to rank from November 22, 1862.

W. H. Elstner, of Arkansas, for duty with Brig. Gen. E. McNair's brigade, to rank from November 1, 1862.

W. E. Gibbs, of Arkansas, for duty with Colonel Shaver, commanding brigade, to rank from October 15, 1862.

Robert S. Morris, of Tennessee, for duty with Second Brigade, Second Division, Army of the West, to rank from October 15, 1862.

A. G. Scott, of Mississippi, for duty with Brig. Gen. W. E. Baldwin's brigade, to rank from October 28, 1862.

W. M. Cargill, of Kentucky, for duty with Col. A. P. Thompson, commanding brigade, to rank from December 1, 1862.

Robert R. Wood, of Tennessee, for duty with late Brig. Gen. J. E. Rains' brigade, to rank from November 21, 1862.

C. H. Westfelt, of Alabama, for duty with Brigadier-General Gracie's brigade, to rank from November 15, 1862.

W. G. Clemons, of Georgia, for duty with Brig. Gen. A. Cumming's brigade, to rank from November 18, 1862.

Benjamin A. Botts, of Texas, for duty with Brig. Gen. J. A. Wharton's brigade, to rank from November 18, 1862.

A. L. Land, of Virginia, for duty with Brigadier-General Mahone's brigade, to rank from November 25, 1862.

F. J. Porcher, of South Carolina, for duty with Brig. Gen. W. S. Walker's brigade, to rank from November 25, 1862.

H. K. Daniel, of Georgia, for duty with Brig. Gen. George Doles' brigade, to rank from December 1, 1862.

J. W. Spratley, of Louisiana, for duty with Brig. Gen. F. Gardner's brigade, to rank from October 15, 1862.

John D. Keiley, jr., of Virginia, for duty with Brigadier-General Pryor's brigade, to rank from December 30, 1862.

R. H. Turner, of Virginia, for duty with Brig. Gen. M. D. Corse's brigade, to rank from December 17, 1862.

Clay Drewry, of Virginia, for duty with Brig. Gen. R. Ransom's brigade, to rank from December 31, 1862.

A. M. Bryan, of Georgia, for duty with Brig. Gen. J. K. Jackson's brigade, to rank from December 10, 1862.

A. M. Erwin, of North Carolina, for duty with Brigadier-General Clingman's brigade, to rank from December 7, 1862.

J. E. McElrath, of Alabama, for duty with Brig. Gen. E. D. Tracy's brigade, to rank from December 11, 1862.

W. B. Jolly, of Tennessee, for duty with Brig. Gen. A. P. Stewart's brigade, to rank from October 14, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency the PRESIDENT.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of B. T. Duval, to be quartermaster, with the rank of major; and

Resolved, That the Senate do not advise and consent to his appointment.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the residue of the nominations contained in the message; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, April 30, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Richmond, April 30, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Assistant quartermasters, with the rank of captain.

T. G. Pollock, of Louisiana, for duty with Gen. Robert E. Lee, to rank October 14, 1862.

F. F. Montgomery, of Louisiana, for duty with Fourteenth Louisiana Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

William D. Wood, of Kentucky, for duty with Second Kentucky Cavalry Battalion, to rank October 14, 1862.

Thomas H. Skidmore, of Texas, for duty with Ninth Texas Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

Jos. S. Thompson, of Mississippi, for duty with Twenty-third Mississippi Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

John Eells, of Virginia, for duty with Fifth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

W. B. Ragland, of Arkansas, for duty with Twenty-fourth Arkansas Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

J. H. Jones, of South Carolina, for duty with Nineteenth South Carolina Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

William Mauldin, of South Carolina, for duty with Hampton Legion, to rank October 14, 1862.

Henry R. Fort, of Georgia, for duty with Third Georgia Cavalry Battalion, to rank October 14, 1862.

John E. C. Hedrick, of Louisiana, for duty with Thirteenth Louisiana Battalion, to rank October 14, 1862.

Thomas H. Lake, of Alabama, for duty with Fortieth Alabama Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

George Weightman, of Louisiana, for duty with Twenty-ninth Louisiana Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

R. P. Bessent, of North Carolina, for duty with Forty-second North Carolina Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

George E. Cockran, of North Carolina, for duty with Sixty-third North Carolina Regiment, to rank October 18, 1862.

John Abney, of Texas, for duty with Thirtieth Texas Cavalry Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

James B. Stafford, of North Carolina, for duty with Forty-third North Carolina Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

John W. Barclay, of Missouri, for duty with First Missouri Cavalry Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

D. H. Lewellyn, of Kentucky, for duty with Second Kentucky Cavalry Regiment, Partisan Rangers, to rank October 14, 1862.

R. R. Wood, of Georgia, for duty with Forty-second Georgia Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

Theodore Carter, of Tennessee, for duty with Twentieth Tennessee Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

J. T. Smith, of Mississippi, for duty with Ninth Mississippi Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank October 14, 1862.

A. R. Carmichael, of Alabama, for duty with Thirteenth Alabama Battalion, to rank October 14, 1862.

Daniel N. Speer, of Georgia, for duty with Sixtieth Georgia Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

R. A. Terrell, of Texas, for duty with Twelfth Texas Cavalry Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

James F. Forbes, of Virginia, for duty with Ninth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank October 24, 1862.

W. S. Phillips, of Kentucky, for duty with Fourth Kentucky Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

J. W. Perrin, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Rifle Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

B. F. Herr, of Missouri, for duty with Sixth Missouri Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

Eli J. Shelton, of Texas, for duty with Burnett's (Texas) Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank October 14, 1862.

W. C. Scott, of Virginia, for duty with Lieutenant-Colonel Walker, commanding artillery, Maj. Gen. A. P. Hill's division, to rank October 14, 1862.

E. D. Frost, of South Carolina, for duty with Fifteenth South Carolina Battalion Artillery, to rank October 14, 1862.

L. W. Trafton, of Kentucky, for duty with Tenth Kentucky Regiment, Partisan Rangers, to rank November 1, 1862.

Jesse M. Powers, of Georgia, for duty with Eighteenth Georgia Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

J. L. McManus, of Mississippi, for duty at camp of instruction, Brookhaven, Miss., to rank October 14, 1862.

W. A. Patton, of North Carolina, for duty with Sixtieth North Carolina Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

John P. Dickinson, of Alabama, for duty with Fifty-third Alabama Regiment, Partisan Rangers, to rank November 5, 1862.

B. F. Burton, of Georgia, for duty with Fifty-ninth Georgia Regiment, to rank November 5, 1862.

W. S. Sharpe, of South Carolina, for duty with Second South Carolina Rifle Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

J. T. Scott, of Alabama, for duty with Forty-fifth Alabama Regiment, to rank October 16, 1862.

Robert W. Lamb, of North Carolina, for duty with Thirty-sixth North Carolina Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

R. C. Sneed, of Alabama, for duty with Fourteenth Alabama Battalion, to rank October 31, 1862.

A. C. Herndon, of Louisiana, for duty with First Louisiana Cavalry Regiment, to rank October 28, 1862.

Robert P. Crockett, of Tennessee, for duty with Eighteenth Tennessee Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

J. I. Middleton, of South Carolina, for duty with Fifteenth South Carolina Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

James C. Wooten, of Tennessee, for duty with Forty-eighth Tennessee Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

Samuel Stradley, of South Carolina, for duty with Sixteenth South Carolina Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

Samuel E. Norton, of Alabama, for duty with First Alabama Cavalry Regiment, to rank November 14, 1862.

Joel Shrewsbury, of Virginia, for duty with Fifty-ninth Virginia Regiment, to rank November 1, 1862.

J. A. Howell, of Tennessee, for duty with Twenty-sixth Tennessee Regiment, to rank October 15, 1862.

J. S. Panchen, of Georgia, for duty with Third Georgia Battalion, to rank November 7, 1862.

Alfred H. Belo, of North Carolina, for duty with Fifty-fifth North Carolina Regiment, to rank November 1, 1862.

H. U. McKinney, of Kentucky, for duty with Eighth Kentucky Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

E. S. Hoskins, of Mississippi, for duty with Thirty-eighth Mississippi Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

William M. Dunn, of Virginia, for duty with Thirty-sixth Virginia Regiment, to rank November 12, 1862.

Benjamin S. Hacker, of Missouri, for duty with First Missouri Regiment, to rank October 26, 1862.

John F. Hodges, of South Carolina, for duty with Holcombe Legion, to rank October 16, 1862.

Isaac A. Read, of Louisiana, for duty with Sixth Louisiana Regiment, to rank November 18, 1862.

William Davidson, of Virginia, for duty with First Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank November 20, 1862.

F. M. Ironmonger, of Virginia, for duty with Sixteenth Virginia Regiment, to rank November 6, 1862.

W. F. Moore, of Virginia, for duty with Fifty-first Virginia Regiment, to rank November 1, 1862.

W. J. Vankirk, of Missouri, for duty with Fifth Missouri Cavalry Battalion, to rank November 1, 1862.

Joseph J. Cox, of North Carolina, for duty with Thirty-first North Carolina Regiment, to rank October 16, 1862.

William L. Cherry, of North Carolina, for duty with Forty-fourth North Carolina Regiment, to rank November 27, 1862.

George T. Atkins, of Kentucky, for duty with Fourth Kentucky Cavalry Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

Troup Butler, of Georgia, for duty at camp of instruction, Decatur, Ga., to rank November 21, 1862.

L. L. Persons, of Georgia, for duty with Fifty-fifth Georgia Regiment, to rank November 16, 1862.

E. L. Hord, of Tennessee, for duty with Twelfth Tennessee Battalion, Partisan Rangers, to rank October 14, 1862.

George Allen, of Tennessee, for duty with Third Tennessee Regiment, to rank November 14, 1862.

P. W. Shearer, of Mississippi, for duty with Forty-fifth Mississippi Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

E. M. Ware, of Virginia, for duty with Fifth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

William K. Moore, of Georgia, for duty with Twenty-third Georgia Battalion, to rank November 21, 1862.

J. L. Anderson, of Tennessee, for duty at camp of instruction, Knoxville, Tenn., to rank December 1, 1862.

O. G. Ginley, of Arkansas, for duty with Fifth Confederate Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

H. Cleveland, of Georgia, for duty with Fifty-seventh Georgia Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

Thomas Berry, of Alabama, for duty with Thirty-first Alabama Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

William H. Miller, of Virginia, for duty with Twenty-seventh Virginia Battalion, to rank December 2, 1862.

John Wood, of Louisiana, for duty with Washington Artillery Battalion, to rank December 1, 1862.

A. Stephens, of Alabama, for duty with Sixteenth Alabama Battalion, to rank October 14, 1862.

Fred. Read, of Virginia, for duty with Twenty-sixth Virginia Battalion, to rank November 12, 1862.

A. G. Shephard, of Alabama, for duty with Thirty-eighth Alabama Regiment, to rank November 18, 1862.

Job M. Morgan, of Tennessee, for duty with Twenty-eighth Tennessee Regiment, to rank November 12, 1862.

James W. Lawson, of South Carolina, for duty with Third South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

John T. Purvis, of Louisiana, for duty with First Louisiana Artillery Regiment, to rank November 17, 1862.

John A. Harrick, of Arkansas, for duty with Twenty-fifth Arkansas Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

T. J. Tunstall, of North Carolina, for duty with Forty-first North Carolina Regiment, to rank November 19, 1862.

Floyd Ford, of Arkansas, for duty with Tenth Arkansas Regiment, to rank October 29, 1862.

J. R. McDonald, of Texas, for duty with Tenth Texas Regiment, to rank October 21, 1862.

S. S. Semmes, of Louisiana, for duty with First Louisiana Regiment, to rank December 1, 1862.

A. L. Steele, of Texas, for duty with Eighth Texas Cavalry Regiment, to rank November 18, 1862.

J. E. Rogers, of Mississippi, for duty with First Mississippi Regiment, Partisan Rangers, to rank October 14, 1862.

E. J. Dawson, of Georgia, for duty with Twenty-second Georgia Battalion, to rank November 28, 1862.

T. W. Neely, of South Carolina, for duty with Colonel Anderson, commanding river batteries, to rank December 2, 1862.

James Hamilton, of Mississippi, for duty with Fourteenth Mississippi Regiment, to rank November 1, 1862.

H. W. McElives, of Tennessee, for duty with Sixteenth Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, to rank November 1, 1862.

T. Towson Smith, of Virginia, for duty with Eighth Virginia Regiment, to rank December 2, 1862.

J. H. Beck, of Texas, for duty with Fifth Texas Cavalry Regiment, to rank November 11, 1862.

George S. Seton, of Florida, for duty with Third Florida Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

John Gatlin, of North Carolina, for duty with Fifty-second North Carolina Regiment, to rank December 1, 1862.

John D. Flauntt, of Tennessee, for duty with Third Tennessee Regiment, to rank October 21, 1862.

C. A. Duncan, of Kentucky, for duty with Third Kentucky Regiment, to rank November 20, 1862.

R. W. Adams, of Georgia, for duty with Forty-second Georgia Regiment, to rank November 26, 1862.

S. F. Grisamore, of Louisiana, for duty with Eighteenth Louisiana Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

Edward Hopkins, of Georgia, for duty with First Georgia Regiment, to rank October 24, 1862.

D. Carmichael, of Alabama, for duty with First Alabama Regiment, to rank October 26, 1862.

Lewis Hyer, of Florida, for duty with First Florida Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

George W. Davis, of Virginia, for duty with Thirty-second Virginia Battalion, to rank December 7, 1862.

William A. Carter, of Virginia, for duty with Forty-eighth Virginia Regiment, to rank December 27, 1862.

James M. Chancellor, of Virginia, for duty with Ninth Virginia Battalion, to rank December 28, 1862.

J. A. Welch, of Virginia, for duty with Thirteenth Virginia Battalion, to rank December 12, 1862.

Thomas A. Hestor, of Texas, for duty with Whitfield's (Texas) Legion, to rank October 14, 1862.

Porter Bibb, jr., of Alabama, for duty with Fourth Confederate Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

John B. Nelson, of North Carolina, for duty with Sixty-fourth North Carolina Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

John C. Eastons, of Texas, for duty with Twenty-second Texas Cavalry Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

George M. Jones, of Missouri, for duty with Third Missouri Cavalry Regiment, to rank November 13, 1862.

James Rogers, of North Carolina, for duty with Thirty-fifth North Carolina Regiment, to rank December 1, 1862.

J. Bartholomew, of Arkansas, for duty with Third Arkansas Cavalry Regiment, to rank December 6, 1862.

William C. Ford, of Missouri, for duty with Second Missouri Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

T. R. Trammell, of Georgia, for duty with Eleventh Georgia Regiment, to rank November 17, 1862.

Omar H. Paull, of Georgia, for duty with Tenth Confederate Regiment, to rank December 13, 1862.

R. S. Ashby, of Virginia, for duty with Seventh Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank December 13, 1862.

Thomas J. Kent, of Mississippi, for duty with Thirty-sixth Mississippi Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

Howard Tinsley, of Georgia, for duty with Fourth Georgia Regiment, to rank December 26, 1862.

C. H. Jones, of Arkansas, for duty with Twelfth Arkansas Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

Burwell Boykin, of Alabama, for duty with Third Alabama Cavalry Regiment, to rank December 29, 1862.

T. W. Radcliffe, of Virginia, for duty with Colonel Preston, commanding conscripts, to rank November 26, 1862.

J. J. McGinnis, of Texas, for duty with Third Texas Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

J. N. Lipscomb, of South Carolina, for duty with Second South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

Henry Sanford, of Tennessee, for duty with Fifty-first Tennessee Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

John H. Jarnagan, of Georgia, for duty with Third Confederate Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

William P. Baughn, of Texas, for duty with Fifteenth Texas Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

L. L. Varnadoe, of Georgia, for duty with Twentieth Georgia Battalion, to rank October 14, 1862.

J. B. Jett, of Virginia, for duty with Fifty-fifth Virginia Regiment, to rank December 26, 1862.

M. Hanley, of Louisiana, for duty with Thirteenth Louisiana Regiment, to rank October 14, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of T. G. Pollock as assistant quartermaster, with the rank of captain, therein contained.

Ordered, That said nomination be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the residue of the nominations therein contained; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, April 30, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the annexed list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Richmond, April 27, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Brigade quartermasters, with the rank of major.

A. S. Cabell, of Texas, for duty with Brig. Gen. W. Steele's brigade, to rank February 16, 1863.

G. D. Spurrier, of Maryland, for duty in Pay Department, Army of Northern Virginia, to rank April 11, 1863.

Assistant quartermasters, with the rank of captain.

S. J. Shaw, of Louisiana, for duty with Twenty-second Louisiana Regiment, to rank February 24, 1863.

S. Huguenin, of South Carolina, for duty with First South Carolina Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank April 7, 1863.

W. A. Violet, of Louisiana, ordered to report for duty to Lieut. Col. W. A. Broadwell, to rank April 2, 1863.

W. C. Black, of Louisiana, ordered to report for duty to Lieut. Col. W. A. Broadwell, to rank April 2, 1863.

Thomas M. Hewitt, of Virginia, for duty with Battalion A, Artillery, First Corps Army of Northern Virginia, to rank April 23, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, April 30, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Richmond, April 30, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Assistant commissaries, with the rank of captain.

E. A. Williams, of Virginia, report for duty to Commissary-General, October 24, 1862.

M. P. Taylor, of North Carolina, for duty at Fayetteville, N. C., October 14, 1862.

D. M. Womack, of Mississippi, for duty at camp of instruction, Brookhaven, Miss., October 14, 1862.

J. S. H. Rainey, of Arkansas, for duty at Camden, Ark., October 14, 1862.

A. Crawford, of Louisiana, for duty at Tangipahoa, La., October 14, 1862.

James B. Schooler, of Tennessee, for duty at camp of instruction, Knoxville, Tenn., October 28, 1862.

J. E. Caldwell, of Tennessee, for duty at Knoxville, Tenn., November 15, 1862.
 P. T. Yeatman, of Virginia, for duty at Chaffin's Bluff, Va., November 17, 1862.
 H. Cranton, of Georgia, for duty at camp of instruction, Decatur, Ga., November 21, 1862.
 J. A. Blake, of Tennessee, for duty at camp of instruction, McMinnville, Tenn., November 23, 1862.
 G. W. Rives, of Tennessee, for duty at Waverly, Tenn., November 24, 1862.
 N. W. Schenck, of Louisiana, report for duty to Commissary-General, January 3, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nominations of E. A. Williams, J. S. H. Rainey, and N. W. Schenck, to be assistant commissaries, with the rank of captain, therein contained.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the residue of the nominations contained in said message; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *April 30, 1863.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, April 23, 1863.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS-GENERAL.

Colonels.

Benjamin S. Ewell, of Virginia, ordered to report for duty to Gen. J. E. Johnston, November 24, 1862.

William M. Wadley, of Louisiana, for duty as inspector of railroad transportation, November 29, 1862.

John S. Preston, of South Carolina, for inspection duty in the State of South Carolina, November 13, 1862.

Lieutenant-colonels.

J. R. Waddy, of Virginia, for duty with Lieutenant-General Pemberton, November 22, 1862.

Charles J. Faulkner, of Virginia, for duty with Lieutenant-General Jackson (vice Major Paxton, appointed brigadier-general), November 15, 1862.

T. F. Sevier, of Louisiana, for duty with Lieut. Gen. L. Polk, December 12, 1862.

Edward Murray, of Virginia, for duty with Gen. R. E. Lee, December 30, 1862.

Majors.

Gustavus A. Henry, of Tennessee, for duty with Major-General McCown, October 14, 1862.

A. J. Dickinson, of Louisiana, for duty with Maj. Gen. J. B. Magruder, October 14, 1862.

James B. Eustis, of Louisiana, for duty with Maj. Gen. J. B. Magruder, October 15, 1862.

- J. A. Buckner, of Kentucky, for duty with Maj. Gen. J. C. Breckinridge, October 15, 1862.
 Charles H. Lee, of Virginia, for duty with Gen. S. Cooper, October 27, 1862.
 J. G. Devereux, of Louisiana, for duty with Maj. Gen. M. L. Smith, November 4, 1862.
 Ellison L. Costin, of Georgia, for duty with Maj. Gen. Lafayette McLaws, October 20, 1862.
 William J. Saunders, of Louisiana, for duty with Gen. G. T. Beauregard, November 11, 1862.
 W. H. Sellers, of Texas, for duty with Maj. Gen. J. B. Hood, November 5, 1862.
 E. H. Cunningham, of Texas, for duty with Maj. Gen. J. B. Hood, November 5, 1862.
 Charles Pickett, of Virginia, for duty with Maj. Gen. George E. Pickett, October 14, 1862.
 Walter Harrison, of Virginia, for duty with Maj. Gen. George E. Pickett, October 14, 1862.
 L. A. Maclean, of Missouri, for duty with Maj. Gen. Sterling Price, October 15, 1862.
 Graham Daves, of North Carolina, for duty with Maj. Gen. S. G. French, November 5, 1862.
 W. B. Myers, of Virginia, for duty with Maj. Gen. W. W. Loring, October 14, 1862.
 A. P. Mason, of Virginia, for duty with Gen. J. E. Johnston, December 2, 1862.
 John Ingram, of Tennessee, for duty with Maj. Gen. B. F. Cheatham, November 12, 1862.
 Stephen Croom, of Alabama, for duty with Maj. Gen. J. H. Forney, November 21, 1862.
 R. J. Wingate, of Kentucky, for duty with Maj. Gen. A. P. Hill, November 18, 1862.
 H. M. Clark, of Missouri, for duty with Maj. Gen. Sterling Price, October 14, 1862.
 A. C. Avery, of North Carolina, for duty with Maj. Gen. D. H. Hill, December 5, 1862.
 A. S. Pendleton, of Virginia, for duty with Lieut. Gen. T. J. Jackson, December 4, 1862.
 R. P. Duncan, of South Carolina, for duty with Maj. Gen. R. H. Anderson, December 4, 1862.
 James Wilson, of Kentucky, for duty with Maj. Gen. J. C. Breckinridge, December 11, 1862.
 T. O. Chestney, of Maryland, for duty with Maj. Gen. Arnold Elzey, December 20, 1862.
 R. W. Memminger, of South Carolina, for duty with Lieut. Gen. J. C. Pemberton, December 29, 1862.
 John J. Reeve, of Virginia, for duty with Maj. Gen. C. L. Stevenson, October 14, 1862.

Captains.

- O. S. Palmer, of Alabama, for duty with Brig. Gen. S. A. M. Wood, October 14, 1862.
 Benjamin S. Johnson, of Arkansas, for duty with Brig. Gen. T. J. Churchill, October 14, 1862.
 Samuel J. C. Moore, of Virginia, for duty with Brig. Gen. J. R. Jones, October 14, 1862.
 William M. Hammond, of North Carolina, for duty with Brig. Gen. Junius Daniel, October 21, 1862.
 J. P. Strange, of Tennessee, for duty with Brig. Gen. N. B. Forrest, October 14, 1862.
 G. A. Williams, of Missouri, for duty with Brig. Gen. St. J. R. Liddell, October 14, 1862.
 W. T. Robins, of Virginia, for duty with Brig. Gen. W. H. F. Lee, October 30, 1862.
 John T. Scott, of Arkansas, for duty with Brig. Gen. M. M. Parsons, October 30, 1862.
 D. C. Jenkins, jr., of Louisiana, for duty with Maj. Gen. Earl Van Dorn, October 31, 1862.
 W. H. Whitner, of Florida, for duty with Brig. Gen. R. A. Pryor, October 14, 1862.
 Henry T. Stanton, of Kentucky, for duty with Brig. Gen. John S. Williams, October 14, 1862.
 W. H. Quincy, of South Carolina, for duty with Brig. Gen. M. Jenkins, November 4, 1862.
 M. W. Cluskey, of Tennessee, for duty with Brig. Gen. Preston Smith, October 27, 1862.

A. W. Slayback, of Missouri, for duty with Brig. Gen. M. E. Green, October 14, 1862.

William A. Percy, of Missouri, for duty with Brig. Gen. J. S. Bowen, October 14, 1862.

Thomas F. Henry, of Tennessee, for duty with the late General Rains' brigade, November 4, 1862.

L. R. Terrell, of Alabama, for duty with Brig. Gen. E. M. Law, October 14, 1862.

P. B. Hooe, of Virginia, for duty with Brig. Gen. M. D. Corse, November 4, 1862.

Charles H. Phinizy, of Georgia, for duty with Brig. Gen. A. Cumming, October 30, 1862.

L. G. Aldrich, of Mississippi, for duty with Brig. Gen. J. E. Slaughter, October 29, 1862.

Charles D. Myers, of North Carolina, for duty with Maj. Gen. S. G. French, November 5, 1862.

C. A. De Russy, of Texas, for duty with Brig. Gen. J. A. Wharton, October 14, 1862.

Peyton N. Page, of North Carolina, for duty with Brig. Gen. G. J. Rains, October 14, 1862.

J. L. Cunningham, of Alabama, for duty with Brig. Gen. E. D. Tracy, November 3, 1862.

Henry Robinson, of Virginia, for duty with Maj. Gen. W. W. Loring, October 14, 1862.

Thomas M. Crowder, of Kentucky, for duty with Brig. Gen. A. Buford, December 4, 1862.

C. F. Linthicum, of Maryland, for duty with Brig. Gen. R. B. Garnett, November 4, 1862.

Wyatt C. Thomas, of Arkansas, for duty with Brig. Gen. J. F. Fagan, November 5, 1862.

Henry Goldthwaite, of Alabama, for duty with Maj. Gen. J. H. Forney, November 21, 1862.

John B. Major, of Mississippi, for duty with Brig. Gen. W. G. M. Davis, November 11, 1862.

Francis L. Price, of Virginia, for duty with Brig. Gen. J. B. Robertson, November 12, 1862.

Louis Bush, of Louisiana, for duty with Brig. Gen. A. Mouton, November 7, 1862.

H. A. Butler, of Missouri, for duty with Brig. Gen. J. R. Cooke, November 11, 1862.

James W. Benoit, of Mississippi, for duty with Brig. Gen. W. E. Baldwin, October 28, 1862.

R. E. Foote, of Arkansas, for duty with Brig. Gen. E. McNair, November 1, 1862.

M. L. Bell, of Arkansas, for duty with Brig. Gen. J. S. Roane, October 14, 1862.

Charles C. Hardwick, of Georgia, for duty with Brig. Gen. G. T. Anderson, November 5, 1862.

James Mitchel, of Virginia, for duty with Gen. R. E. Lee, December 20, 1862.

S. H. Buck, of Arkansas, for duty with Maj. Gen. P. R. Cleburne, December 20, 1862.

F. T. Shead, of Georgia, for duty with Brig. Gen. George Doles, November 1, 1862.

T. F. Wilson, of Louisiana, for duty with Maj. Gen. F. Gardner, October 14, 1862.

Edward O. Guerrant, of Kentucky, for duty with Brig. Gen. H. Marshall, December 20, 1862.

Harvey E. Jones, of Alabama, for duty with Brig. Gen. A. Gracie, jr., November 4, 1862.

J. L. Smith, of Maryland, for duty with Maj. Gen. Arnold Elzey, December 2, 1862.

Douglas Walworth, of Mississippi, for duty with Brig. Gen. W. T. Martin, January 8, 1863.

G. G. Grattan, of Georgia, for duty with Brig. Gen. A. H. Colquitt, December 19, 1862.

William Elliott, of South Carolina, for duty with Brig. Gen. S. D. Lee, January 5, 1863.

John C. Rutherford, of Georgia, for duty with Brig. Gen. Howell Cobb, January 10, 1863.

William W. Gordon, of Georgia, for duty with Brig. Gen. H. W. Mercer, December 30, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nominations of William M. Wadley and John S. Preston, to be assistant adjutants-general, with the rank of colonel, and the nomination of John T. Scott, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of captain, therein contained.

Ordered, That said nominations be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the residue of the nominations contained in said message; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of A. M. Rutledge, to be major of artillery for ordnance duty; E. Higgins, to be colonel of artillery; A. B. Rhett, Stephen Elliott, to be majors of artillery; C. H. Stevens, A. J. Hutchins, W. A. Witcher, E. Waggaman, David Lang, F. H. Gantt, to be colonels; Ellison Capers, E. Mashburn, J. H. Neal, E. J. Magruder, M. H. Blanford, W. S. Rankin, W. Baya, A. C. Izard, to be lieutenant-colonels; James F. Waddell, J. R. B. Burtwell, W. M. Hardy, John L. Phillips, J. W. Hooper, A. Shaaff, G. O. Dawson, A. Miller, W. R. Moore, T. E. Clarke, E. A. Nash, I. Hardeman, Beverly Mathews, J. C. Denis, St. L. Dupeire, to be majors; William N. Nelson, W. W. Porter, J. J. Dillard, Samuel B. Waters, W. W. Swann, to be captains; J. R. Allen, Thomas Goldthwaite, to be first lieutenants; B. H. Cody, J. M. Lauderdale, D. L. Etheridge, to be second lieutenants (for distinguished valor and skill); Robert W. Haynes, Samuel B. Davis, L. C. Haskell, D. F. Holland, M. Pointer, A. F. Woolley, W. R. Bond, W. K. Armistead, H. H. Johnston, to be aids-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenant; David Urquhart, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel; J. Stoddard Johnston, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of major; John King, Lemuel P. Conner, J. B. Cumming, to be assistant adjutants-general, with the rank of captain; Hugh L. Clay, to be lieutenant-colonel, and John Withers and E. A. Palfrey, to be majors in the Adjutant-General's Department, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the nomination of J. C. Johnston, to be major, reported, with the recommendation that it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

Resolved, That the nomination of J. C. Johnston lie on the table.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, April 30, 1863.

To the President of the Senate of the Confederate States:

I nominate the persons named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, April 28, 1863.*

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Navy, under the act of Congress approved April 21, 1862:

Assistant surgeons.

Edwin G. Booth, Virginia; S. S. Herrick, Mississippi; Thomas Emory, Maryland; John Leyburn, Texas; Robert T. Baldwin, Virginia; Robert C. Powell, Kentucky; William Mason Turner, Virginia; Henry Stone, Louisiana; John De Bree, jr., Virginia; John C. Harrison, Texas; Marcellus Ford, Virginia; John P. Lipscomb, North Carolina; W. W. Graves, Alabama; William C. Jones, Arkansas; W. J. Addison, Maryland; Henry Christmas, Mississippi; N. C. Edmunds, Virginia; William Sheppardson, Alabama; N. M. Read, Maryland; R. C. Bowles, Kentucky; now in the service as assistant surgeons for the war.

C. M. Parker, Mississippi; C. Wesley Thomas, Kentucky; Henry B. Melvin, District of Columbia; William S. Stoakley, North Carolina; William W. Griggs, North Carolina; Joseph S. Tipton, Georgia.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

S. 73. An act to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war;

S. 79. An act for the benefit of certain claimants for postal services;

S. 118. An act to authorize the establishment of express mails;

S. 119. An act to declare Treasury notes and bonds, inclosed in boxes for transmission by the Treasury Department, mailable matter, and to regulate the rates of postage;

S. 126. An act to provide for the compensation of certain persons therein named;

H. R. 3. An act to repeal certain clauses of an act entitled "An act to exempt certain persons from military service," etc., approved October 11, 1862;

H. R. 14. An act to prevent fraud in the Quartermaster's and Commissary's Departments, and the obtaining under false pretense transportation for private property;

H. R. 39. An act to provide certain regulations for holding elections for Delegates to the Congress of the Confederate States in certain Indian nations;

H. R. 55. An act to provide for the appointment of military store-keepers in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States;

H. R. 61. An act to make appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America for the periods therein mentioned;

H. R. 65. An act to create a provisional navy of the Confederate States;

H. R. 66. An act to change the place of holding the district court for the western district of Texas;

H. R. 67. An act to provide for holding elections for Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States in the State of Tennessee;

H. R. 68. An act to provide for the election of members of Congress for certain districts of the State of Louisiana;

H. R. 70. An act in relation to the receipt of counterfeit Treasury notes by public officers;

H. R. 1. Joint resolution of thanks to General Wheeler and the officers and men of his command;

H. R. 6. Joint resolution of thanks to Gen. John H. Morgan, officers and men of his command;

H. R. 14. Joint resolution of thanks to Brig. Gen. N. B. Forrest and the officers and men under his command;

H. R. 16. Joint resolution of thanks to Gen. G. T. Beauregard and the officers and men of his command for the repulse of the ironclad fleet of the enemy from the harbor of Charleston on the 7th of April, 1863; and

H. R. 17. Joint resolution of thanks to Maj. Oscar M. Watkins and the officers and men under his command.

The President having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Clay, from the special committee appointed to take the testimony in relation to the outrages perpetrated by the forces of the United States upon the persons and property of citizens of the Confederate States, submitted a report (No. 11) in relation thereto.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That the report lie on the table and be printed.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That the committee have leave to sit during the recess of the Senate, and that the President appoint an additional member thereon to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Preston; and Mr. Caperton was appointed.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 64) to provide for placing in the military service of the Confederate States citizens of the United States residing or sojourning within the limits of the Confederate States, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of G. Tochman, submitted an adverse report (No. 12); which was considered and agreed to.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 69) authorizing the detail of men for service

in the Engineer Department, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill do not pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the Confederate States of America:

I have duly considered the Senate bill entitled "An act to authorize newspapers to be mailed to soldiers free of postage."

Sympathizing fully with the evident purpose to contribute to the comfort of our gallant defenders, I feel nevertheless constrained to return to you the bill with the objections which have seemed to me paramount.

Article I, section 8, clause 7, of the Constitution provides that the "expenses of the Post-Office Department, after the first day of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty-three, shall be paid out of its own revenues."

If this clause of the Constitution is imperative, and not merely directory, the second section of the bill in providing that all papers sent to soldiers through the post-office in the manner described in the first section of the bill shall be a charge on the Treasury, is deemed to conflict with this clause.

I am confirmed in the belief that such is the intent and effect of this provision of the Constitution by reference to the first clause of the eighth section, which clearly defines the purpose for which, and the limitations under which, taxes may be levied; and the construction is still further enforced by a knowledge of the evils which the convention sought to prevent by prohibiting the expenses of the Post-Office Department from becoming a charge upon the Treasury.

In the consideration of this bill I have not been unmindful of the fact that appropriations are made to pay the expenses of transporting the official correspondence of the different departments of the Government; but this is regarded as merely the payment, by the Government, of the cost of transmitting its own correspondence, and bears no analogy to legislation granting a bounty in furtherance of any object, however desirable and praiseworthy.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, April 30, 1863.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to reconsider the bill (S. 14) returned by the President with his objections; which bill is in the following words:

An act to authorize newspapers to be mailed to soldiers free of postage.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That all newspapers directed to any officer, musician, or private engaged in the actual service of the Confederate States, may be transmitted through the mails free of postage: *Provided*, That in all such cases the address shall contain a description of the party to whom such newspapers shall be sent, stating his military title, if an officer, or the company and regiment to which he belongs, if a musician or private: *And provided also*, That

this act shall not be construed to extend to newspapers transmitted by carriers or express companies, or received through them.

Sec. 2. That the amount of the postage on all papers thus sent to soldiers shall be a charge upon the Treasury of the Confederate States of America, and paid upon the draft of the Postmaster-General.

TH. S. BOCOCK,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

R. M. T. HUNTER,
President of the Senate pro tempore.

I certify that this bill originated in the Senate.

JAMES H. NASH, *Secretary.*

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until the first Monday in December next.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., April 30, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of War, submitting an estimate of the sum needed to pay for a submarine telegraph cable at Charleston, S. C.

I recommend an appropriation of the amount for the purpose specified.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill (H. R. 73) to establish certain post routes therein named, received yesterday from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 30th ultimo, approved and signed an act (S. 90) relative to certain bonds and Treasury notes issued under the provisions of the act approved 16th May, 1861.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 72) to prevent the sale, exchange, or other disposition of the Treasury notes, bonds, etc., issued under the authority of the United States, etc., reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the first Monday in December next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: On the 30th ultimo the President of the Confederate States approved and signed the following acts and joint resolution:

H. R. 30. An act to punish forgery and counterfeiting;

H. R. 34. An act concerning fees of district attorneys; and

H. R. 13. Joint resolution to establish a seal for the Confederate States.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 13. An act in relation to the public printing;

S. 19. An act to amend an act to organize the clerical force of the Treasury Department; and

S. 116. An act to authorize the Secretary of War to purchase or lease real estate.

The President having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (H. R. 64) to provide for placing in the military service of the Confederate States citizens of the United States residing or sojourning within the limits of the Confederate States.

The President having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Clay submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved (the House of Representatives concurring), That the resolution fixing the hour for the adjournment of Congress at two o'clock postmeridian to-day be rescinded, and that the two Houses will adjourn sine die at four o'clock postmeridian to-day.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That William A. Addison have leave to withdraw his memorial.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has to-day approved and signed the following acts:

S. 56. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts," approved October 9, 1862;

S. 62. An act to pay officers, noncommissioned officers, and privates not legally mustered into the service of the Confederate States for services actually performed;

S. 81. An act to provide for the payment of certain North Carolina troops from the time of their enlistment;

S. 88. An act in relation to the custody of persons charged with offenses against the Confederate States;

S. 89. An act to abolish supernumerary offices in the Commissary's and Quartermaster's Departments; and

S. 107. An act to provide for the transfer of persons serving in the Army to the Navy.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Hunter, that the reports of the battles of Murfreesboro be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar,

It was determined in the negative.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 132. An act to establish the flag of the Confederate States;

S. 138. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to better provide for the sick and wounded of the Army in hospitals," approved September 27, 1862; and

S. 140. An act to authorize the President to appoint officers in the Niter Bureau and in the engineer troops during the recess of the Senate.

The first named with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives have concurred in the resolution of the Senate postponing the adjournment of the two Houses of Congress until 4 o'clock p. m. this day.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 132) to establish the flag of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, that the bill lie upon the table,

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being then put,

It was determined in the negative.

On the question to concur in the amendment proposed by the House of Representatives to the said bill,

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being put,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas-----	10
	{ Nays -----	6

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Oldham, Semmes, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Clay, Davis, Johnson of Georgia, Peyton, and Phelan.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives agree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 41) to provide for the payment of the interest on the removal and subsistence fund due the Cherokee Indians in North Carolina.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that he has approved the following acts and joint resolutions:

H. R. 55. An act to provide for the appointment of military storekeepers in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States;

H. R. 59. An act to continue and amend the third section of an act supplementary to an act concerning the pay and allowance due to deceased soldiers, approved February 15, 1862, and to provide for the prompt settlement of claims for arrearages of pay, allowance, and bounty due deceased officers and soldiers;

H. R. 65. An act to create a provisional navy of the Confederate States;

H. R. 66. An act to change the place of holding the district court for the western district of Texas;

H. R. 70. An act in relation to the receipt of counterfeit Treasury notes by public officers;

H. R. 1. Joint resolution of thanks to General Wheeler and the officers and men of his command;

H. R. 6. Joint resolution of thanks to Gen. John H. Morgan, officers and men of his command;

H. R. 10. Joint resolution to provide for the payment of certain accounts of the acting quartermaster and other officers of the Indian troops;

H. R. 14. Joint resolution of thanks to Brig. Gen. N. B. Forrest and the officers and men under his command;

H. R. 16. Joint resolution of thanks to Gen. G. T. Beauregard and the officers and men of his command for the repulse of the ironclad fleet of the enemy from the harbor of Charleston on the 7th of April, 1863; and

H. R. 17. Joint resolution of thanks to Maj. Oscar M. Watkins and the officers and men under his command.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (H. R. 73) to establish certain post routes therein named.

The President having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 43) for the relief of S. B. Lowe; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas----- 13
Nays ----- 2

On motion by Mr. Clark,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Clark, Clay, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia,
Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Oldham, Peyton, Phelan, Semmes,
and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Burnett and Davis.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (H. R. 41) to provide for the payment of the interest on the removal and subsistence fund due the Cherokee Indians in North Carolina.

The President having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That the Senate take a recess until half past 3 o'clock p. m.

HALF PAST 3 O'CLOCK P. M.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that he has approved and signed the following acts:

H. R. 14. An act to prevent fraud in the Quartermaster's and Commissary's Departments, and the obtaining under false pretense transportation for private property;

H. R. 26. An act for the assessment and collection of taxes; and

H. R. 39. An act to provide certain regulations for holding elections for Delegates to the Congress of the Confederate States in certain Indian nations.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have appointed a committee, to join such committee as may be appointed by the Senate, to wait upon the President of the Confederate States and inform him that Congress has passed a resolution providing for the adjournment of both Houses at 4 o'clock p. m. this day; and they have appointed Mr. Perkins of Louisiana, Mr. Holcombe of Virginia, and Mr. Curry of Alabama the committee on their part.

Mr. Burnett submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on the part of the Senate, to join the committee appointed by the House of Representatives, to wait upon the President of the Confederate States and inform him that Congress has passed a resolution providing for the adjournment of both Houses at four o'clock postmeridian this day.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That the committee on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President; and

Mr. Burnett, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Davis were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the following resolution, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

"Resolved (the Senate concurring), That the resolution fixing the hour of adjournment of both Houses of Congress at four o'clock postmeridian to-day be rescinded, and that the two Houses adjourn at five o'clock postmeridian this day."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has this day approved and signed the following acts:

S. 19. An act to amend an act to organize the clerical force of the Treasury Department;

S. 68. An act to abolish all ports of delivery in the Confederate States; and

S. 116. An act to authorize the Secretary of War to purchase or lease real estate.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 132. An act to establish the flag of the Confederate States;

S. 138. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to better provide for the sick and wounded of the Army in hospitals," approved September 27, 1862; and

S. 140. An act to authorize the President to appoint officers in the Niter Bureau and in the engineer troops during the recess of the Senate.

The President having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that he has this day approved and signed the following acts:

H. R. 3. An act to repeal certain clauses of an act entitled "An act to exempt certain persons from military service," etc., approved October 11, 1862;

H. R. 49. An act regulating the granting of furloughs and discharges in hospitals; and

H. R. 68. An act to provide for the election of members of Congress for certain districts of the State of Louisiana.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (H. R. 43) for the relief of S. B. Lowe.

The President having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Burnett, from the committee appointed on the part of the Senate, to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to wait upon the President of the Confederate States and inform him that Congress had passed a resolution providing for the adjournment of both Houses at 4 o'clock p. m. this day, reported that they had discharged the duty assigned them; and that the President replied "That he was preparing a message to send to both Houses of Congress."

Mr. Burnett submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved (the House of Representatives concurring), That the resolution fixing the hour for the adjournment of Congress at five o'clock postmeridian to-day, be, and the same is hereby, rescinded, and that the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives adjourn their respective Houses, sine die, at nine o'clock postmeridian this day.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the resolution of the Senate, fixing the hour for the adjournment of both Houses of Congress, sine die, at 9 o'clock p. m. this day.

On motion by Mr. Burnett.

Ordered, That the Senate take a recess until half past 7 o'clock p. m.

HALF PAST 7 O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. Henry (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 141) to provide for holding elections for Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States in the State of Tennessee; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has this day approved and signed the following acts:

S. 132. An act to establish the flag of the Confederate States;

S. 138. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to better provide for the sick and wounded of the Army in hospitals," approved September 27, 1862;

S. 140. An act to authorize the President to appoint officers in the Niter Bureau and in the engineer troops during the recess of the Senate;

S. 79. An act for the benefit of certain claimants for postal services;

S. 118. An act to authorize the establishment of express mails;

S. 119. An act to declare Treasury notes and bonds, inclosed in boxes for transmission by the Treasury Department, mailable matter, and to regulate the rates of postage; and

S. 126. An act to provide for the compensation of certain persons therein named.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Burnett submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved (the House of Representatives concurring), That the resolution fixing the hour for the adjournment of Congress at nine o'clock postmeridian this day, be, and the same is hereby, rescinded, and that the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives adjourn their respective Houses, sine die, at ten o'clock postmeridian this day.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that he has this day approved and signed the following acts:

H. R. 41. An act to provide for the payment of the interest on the removal and subsistence fund due the Cherokee Indians in North Carolina;

H. R. 43. An act for the relief of S. B. Lowe;

H. R. 61. An act to make appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America for the periods therein mentioned; and

H. R. 73. An act to establish certain post routes therein named.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the resolution of the Senate, fixing the hour for the adjournment, sine die, of both Houses of Congress, at ten o'clock postmeridian this day.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate cause to be printed two hundred copies of the rules of the Senate and the joint rules and orders of the two Houses of Congress.

Mr. Clay, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 15) of thanks to the officers and soldiers engaged in the defense of Fort McAllister, Ga., reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution last mentioned; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 141) to provide for holding elections for Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States in the State of Tennessee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled a bill and joint resolution of the following titles:

S. 141. An act to provide for holding elections for Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States in the State of Tennessee; and

H. R. 15. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and soldiers engaged in the defense of Fort McAllister, Ga.

The President having signed the enrolled bill and the enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has this day approved and signed an act (S. 141) to provide for holding elections for Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States in the State of Tennessee.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that he has this day approved and signed the joint resolution (H. R. 15) of thanks to the officers and soldiers engaged in the defense of Fort McAllister, Ga.

The President having announced that the hour fixed for the adjournment of the two Houses of Congress, by their resolution of this day, had arrived, declared the Senate to be adjourned sine die.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 30th ultimo, approved and signed an act (S. 130) supplementary to an act to provide for the funding and further issue of Treasury notes.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the joint resolution (S. 2) on the subject of retaliation.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (S. 112) to facilitate transportation for the Government.

The President having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., April 30, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I herewith transmit for your information, in secret session, communications from the Secretaries of the Treasury and of War, in response to your resolution of the 7th instant, of inquiry relative "to the sale or hypothecation of cotton, or cotton certificates or bonds, in Europe."

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A joint resolution (S. 2) on the subject of retaliation.

The President having signed the enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., April 30, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of the Navy in reference to a recent act of Congress establishing a "volunteer navy."

I concur with him in the opinion that the injunction of secrecy should be removed from the law.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

Mr. Burnett submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be requested to furnish, at the next session of the Senate, copies of the two reports made by Captain F. H. Robertson, of his operations during the battles of Murfreesboro. Said reports were made to General B. Bragg and Major-General J. C. Breckinridge.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has this day approved and signed the following acts:

S. 61. An act to authorize the President to contract for the construction and equipment of vessels for the Navy abroad; and

S. 133. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to make appropriations for iron-clad and other war steamers, steam engines, and other supplies contracted for abroad."

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has this day approved and signed the following act and joint resolution:

S. 112. An act to facilitate transportation for the Government; and

S. 2. Joint resolution on the subject of retaliation.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 30th ultimo) the nomination of T. G. Pollock, to be assistant quartermaster, with the rank of captain, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be not confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do not advise and consent to his appointment.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 30th ultimo) the nominations of G. D. Spurrier, to be brigade quartermaster, with the rank of major; W. A. Violet and W. C. Black, to be assistant quartermasters, with the rank of captain, reported, with the recommendation that said nominations be not confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do not advise and consent to their appointment.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 30th ultimo) the nominations of A. S. Cabell, to be brigade quartermaster, with the rank of major; S. J. Shaw, S. Huguenin, and Thomas M. Hewitt, to be assistant quartermasters, with the rank of captain, reported, with the recommendation that said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 30th ultimo) the nomination of F. H. Robertson, to be major of artillery, reported the same with the recommendation that it lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

Resolved, That the nomination of F. H. Robertson, to be major of artillery, lie on the table.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom had been referred (on the 30th ultimo) the nomination of T. R. Franklin, jr., to be assistant quartermaster, with the rank of captain, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be not confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do not advise and consent to his appointment.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the nomination of John S. Preston, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of colonel, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 30th ultimo) the nominations of E. A. Williams and N. W. Schenck, to be assistant commissaries, with the rank of captain, reported, with the recommendation that said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 30th ultimo) the nomination of J. S. H. Rainey, to be assistant commissary, with the rank of captain, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be postponed till the next session of Congress.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

Resolved, That the nomination of J. S. H. Rainey be postponed till the first Monday in December next.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 30th ultimo) the nomination of William M. Wadley, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of colonel, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be not confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

On motion by Mr. Davis, that the further consideration of said nomination be postponed till the first Monday in December next,

It was determined in the negative.

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of William M. Wadley, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of colonel?

It was determined in the negative.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate do not advise and consent to the appointment of William M. Wadley, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of colonel.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the nomination of John T. Scott, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of captain, reported the same.

The Senate proceeded to consider said nomination; and

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That the nomination of John T. Scott, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of captain, for duty with Brig. Gen. M. M. Parsons, be returned to the President, the Senate deeming it improper under the circumstances of the case to confirm said nomination.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nomination of J. C. Johnston, to be major; and

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That the further consideration of said nomination be postponed till the first Monday in December next.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 24th ultimo) the nomination of Samuel A. Cartwright, to be assistant adjutant and inspector general, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be not confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do not advise and consent to the appointment of Samuel A. Cartwright, to be assistant adjutant and inspector general, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 28th ultimo) the nominations of W. B. Wood, Richard H. Lee, D. F. Jamison, Andrew Ewing, Thomas Ruffin, jr., Truett Polk, Thomas J. Judge, P. T. Moore, William B. Rodman, George B. Wilkinson, John E. Moore, to be presiding judges (in the military courts); Albert P. Hill, L. W. Spratt, James Jackson, David M. Carter, L. M. Lamar, S. St. George Rogers, Ed. S. Worthington, J. A. P. Campbell, James F. Neill, Charles B. Thomas, David Walker, W. P. Townsend, Andrew S. Herron, Samuel J. Douglass, W. H. Norris, A. T. M. Rust, John M. Patton, Bradley T. Johnson, John J. Good, Henry B. Kelly, Samuel J. Gholson, Taylor Beatty, to be associate judges; C. M. Blackford, Daniel A. Wilson, W. H. Talley, Thomas W. Brown, J. Shelby Williams, Lionel L. Levy, E. Fitzpatrick, W. P. Johnson, John P. McMillan, Benton Randolph, to be judge-advocates; R. A. Carrigan, to be assistant commissary, with the rank of captain, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 30th ultimo) the nominations of Edwin G. Booth, Thomas Emory, Robert T. Baldwin, William Mason Turner, John De Bree, jr., Marcellus Ford, W. W. Graves, W. J. Addison, N. C. Edmunds, N. M. Read, R. C. Bowles, S. S. Herrick, John Leyburn, Robert C. Powell, Henry Stone, John C. Harrison, John P. Lipscomb, William C. Jones, Henry Christmas, William Sheppardson, C. M. Parker, C. Wesley Thomas, Henry B. Melvin, William S. Stokley, William W. Griggs, Joseph S. Tipton, to be assistant surgeons in the Navy, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, May 1, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the annexed list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, April 30, 1863.*

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Brigade quartermasters, with rank of major.

J. B. Moore, of Virginia, for duty as disbursing officer Gen. J. E. Johnston's headquarters, October 27, 1862.

M. A. Pringle, of South Carolina, in charge of field transportation General Beauregard's army, November 13, 1862.

R. G. Banks, of Virginia, for duty in clothing depot, Selma, Ala., November 17, 1862.

Mason Morfit, of Maryland, for duty superintending railroad transportation, November 26, 1862.

L. N. Webb, of Virginia, for duty in paying troops in hospitals, Richmond, November 17, 1862.

J. B. Hill, of Virginia, for duty in paying troops in hospitals, Richmond, December 20, 1862.

H. McD. McElrath, of Florida, for duty paying troops Department East Tennessee, October 14, 1862.

Assistant quartermasters, with rank of captain.

George C. Orgain, of Virginia, for duty at Danville, Va., October 14, 1862.

Charles K. Mallory, of Virginia, for duty at Liberty, Va., October 14, 1862.

James F. Cummings, of Tennessee, in charge of transportation and forage, Knoxville, Tenn., October 14, 1862.

R. J. Nugent, of Louisiana, for duty at Opelousas, La., October 14, 1862.

George J. Crafts, of South Carolina, for duty in clothing department, Charleston S. C., October 15, 1862.

John M. Garnett, of Virginia, for duty in procuring forage in Essex County, Va., October 14, 1862.

A. H. Troutman, of Georgia, for duty at Weldon, N. C., October 20, 1862.

R. Colston, of Virginia, for duty at Charlottesville, Va., October 14, 1862.

John Mottley, of Virginia, for duty inspecting field transportation, October 14, 1862.

O. P. Calhoun, of Alabama, for duty at Montgomery, Ala., October 14, 1862.

R. T. Buckner, of Arkansas, for duty at Little Rock, Ark., October 14, 1862.

H. D. Cothran, of Alabama, for duty at Columbus, Ga., October 23, 1862.

W. N. Smith, of Virginia, for duty at Miller's Tavern, Va., October 23, 1862.

Richard Powell, of Virginia, for duty with Wren's battalion cavalry "for local defense," October 14, 1862.

William H. Kirker, of Virginia, for duty at Milford Depot, Va., November 5, 1862.

J. J. P. Smith, of South Carolina, for duty at Columbia, S. C., November 3, 1862.

C. J. Leigh, of Virginia, for duty in Quartermaster-General's Office, November 4, 1862.

William S. Kemper, of Virginia, for duty at Camp Winder, near Richmond, Va., November 6, 1862.

James B. Hope, of Virginia, for duty at Quartermaster-General's Office, October 30, 1862.

John L. Cobb, of Alabama, for duty at Huntsville, Ala., October 30, 1862.

W. W. Barrett, of Texas, for duty at Shreveport, La., October 30, 1862.

J. B. Pannill, of Virginia, superintending ordnance train General Longstreet's corps, October 30, 1862.

H. W. Pflager, of Mississippi, for duty at Baldwin, Miss., October 14, 1862.

H. C. Fairfax, of Virginia, on pay duty and other disbursements, Gen. R. E. Lee's army, December 8, 1862.

L. R. Lucas, of Tennessee, for duty at Bristol, Tenn., December 5, 1862.

T. W. Wood, of Virginia, for duty with Major Carrington, Petersburg, as forage collector, December 17, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

RICHMOND, May 1, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Isaac T. Winnemore, of Louisiana, to be brigade quartermaster, Provisional Army Confederate States.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, April 30, 1863.*

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Brigade quartermaster, with rank of major.

Isaac T. Winnemore, of Louisiana, ordered to report to the Quartermaster-General.
I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

The messages were severally read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, May 1, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, April 30, 1863.*

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States:

ARTILLERY OFFICERS, UNDER ACT APPROVED JANUARY 22, 1862.

Lieutenant-colonel.

M. T. Polk, of Tennessee, ordered to report for duty to Lieut. Gen. L. Polk, December 2, 1862.

Majors.

R. P. Maclay, of Louisiana, ordered to report for duty to Lieut. Gen. T. H. Holmes, October 31, 1862.

W. E. Boudinot, United States Navy, ordered to report for duty to Brig. Gen. W. H. C. Whiting, November 8, 1862.

Thomas B. French, of Virginia, ordered to report for duty to Maj. Gen. J. G. Walker, November 13, 1862.

R. A. Hardaway, of Georgia, ordered to report for duty to Maj. Gen. Sam. Jones, December 3, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

RICHMOND, May 1, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Thomas Monroe, of Missouri, to be brigade quartermaster, Provisional Army of the Confederate States.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, April 30, 1863.*

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States:

Brigade quartermaster, with rank of major.

Thomas Monroe, of Missouri, for duty with Gen. M. M. Parsons' brigade, September 24, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

RICHMOND, May 1, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Austin M. Standish, of Missouri, to be captain and assistant adjutant-general, Provisional Army of the Confederate States.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, April 30, 1863.*

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

Captain.

A. M. Standish, of Missouri, for duty with Gen. M. M. Parsons' brigade, September 24, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

RICHMOND, May 1, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate James F. Edwards, of Missouri, to be first lieutenant and aid-de-camp, Provisional Army of the Confederate States.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, April 30, 1863.*

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States:

Aid-de-camp, with rank of first lieutenant.

James F. Edwards, of Missouri, for duty with Gen. M. M. Parsons' brigade, September 24, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

RICHMOND, May 1, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate John B. Ruthven, of Missouri, to be brigade commissary, Provisional Army of the Confederate States.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, April 30, 1863.*

To the PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Brigade commissary, with rank of major.

John B. Ruthven, of Missouri, for duty with Gen. M. M. Parsons' brigade, September 24, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

The messages were severally read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nominations therein contained;
and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

SENATE OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES.

FIRST CONGRESS, FOURTH SESSION, DECEMBER 7, 1863, TO FEBRUARY 17, 1864.

The third [fourth] session of the First Congress commenced this day, conformably to the Constitution of the Confederate States, and the Senate assembled at the city of Richmond.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1863.

PRESENT.

From the State of—

ARKANSAS	Robert W. Johnson.
GEORGIA	Benjamin H. Hill.
KENTUCKY	Henry C. Burnett. William E. Simms.
LOUISIANA	T. J. Semmes. Edward Sparrow.
MISSISSIPPI	A. G. Brown.
MISSOURI	John B. Clark.
NORTH CAROLINA	George Davis.
SOUTH CAROLINA	Robert W. Barnwell. James L. Orr.
TENNESSEE	Landon C. Haynes. Gustavus A. Henry.
TEXAS	W. S. Oldham. Louis T. Wigfall.
VIRGINIA	R. M. T. Hunter.

The Hon. R. M. T. Hunter, President of the Senate pro tempore, resumed the chair.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate has assembled, and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: I am directed to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled, and that the House is ready to proceed to business.

The House of Representatives have passed a resolution for the appointment of a committee, jointly with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait upon the President of the Confederate States and inform him that a quorum of each House is assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make; and have appointed Mr. Garnett of Virginia, Mr. Chilton of Alabama, and Mr. Swan of Tennessee, the committee on their part.

Mr. Brown submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, jointly with the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to wait upon the President of the Confederate States and inform him that a quorum of each House is assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That the committee be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Brown, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Simms were appointed.

Mr. Brown, from the committee appointed on the part of the Senate, jointly with the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to wait upon the President of the Confederate States and inform him that a quorum of each House has assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make, reported that they had performed the duty assigned them; and that the President replied that he would make a communication to the two Houses of Congress to-morrow at 12 o'clock m.

Mr. Simms submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing all laws exempting from military service persons who have furnished substitutes in the Army; and that they also be instructed to inquire into the expediency of adopting some plan that will be just and proper whereby all such persons may be enrolled in the military service of the Confederate States.

Mr. Simms (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 142) to prevent the enlistment or enrollment of substitutes in the military service of the Confederate States, and to repeal all laws permitting or authorizing the same; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Clark (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 143) to amend the several acts now in force exempting certain persons from military duty, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the daily hour of meeting of the Senate be 12 o'clock m. until otherwise ordered.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Confederate States:

The necessity for legislative action, arising out of the important events that have marked the interval since your adjournment, and my desire to have the aid of your counsel on other matters of grave public interest, render your presence at this time more than ordinarily welcome. Indeed, but for serious obstacles to convoking you in extraordinary session, and the necessity for my own temporary absence from the seat of government, I would have invited you to an earlier meeting than that fixed at the date of your adjournment.

Grave reverses befell our arms soon after your departure from Richmond. Early in July our strongholds at Vicksburg and Port Hudson, together with their entire garrisons, capitulated to the combined land and naval forces of the enemy. The important interior position of Jackson next fell into their temporary possession. Our unsuccessful assault on the post at Helena was followed at a later period by the invasion of Arkansas, and the retreat of our army from Little Rock gave to the enemy the control of the important valley in which it is situated.

The resolute spirit of the people soon rose superior to the temporary despondency naturally resulting from these reverses. The gallant troops, so ably commanded in the States beyond the Mississippi, inflicted repeated defeats on the invading armies in Louisiana and on the coast of Texas. Detachments of troops and active bodies of partisans kept up so effective a war on the Mississippi River as practically to destroy its value as an avenue of commerce.

The determined and successful defense of Charleston against the joint land and naval operations of the enemy afforded an inspiring example of our ability to repel the attacks even of the ironclad fleet on which they chiefly rely, while on the northern frontier our success was still more marked.

The able commander, who conducted the campaign in Virginia, determined to meet the threatened advance on Richmond, for which the enemy had made long and costly preparations, by forcing their armies to cross the Potomac and fight in defense of their own capital and homes. Transferring the battlefield to their own soil, he succeeded in compelling their rapid retreat from Virginia, and in the hard-fought battle of Gettysburg inflicted such severity of punishment as disabled them from early renewal of the campaign, as originally projected. Unfortunately the communications on which our general relied for receiving his supplies of munitions were interrupted by extraordinary floods, which so swelled the Potomac as to render impassable the fords by which his advance had been made, and he was thus forced to a withdrawal, which was conducted with deliberation, after securing large trains of captured supplies, and with a constant but unaccepted tender of battle. On more than one occasion the enemy has since made demonstrations of a purpose to advance, invariably followed by a precipitate retreat to entrenched lines on the approach of our forces.

The effective check thus offered to the advance of the invaders at all points was such as to afford hope of their early expulsion from portions of the territory previously occupied by them, when the country was painfully surprised by the intelligence that the officer in command of Cumberland Gap had surrendered that important and easily defensible pass without firing a shot, upon the summons of a force still believed to have been inadequate to its reduction and when reinforcements were in supporting distance and had been ordered to his aid. The entire garrison, including the commander, being still held prisoners by the enemy, I am unable to suggest any explanation of this disaster which laid open eastern Tennessee and southwestern Virginia to hostile operations and broke the line of communication between the seat of government and middle Tennessee. This easy success of the enemy was followed by an advance of General Rosecrans into Georgia, and our army evacuated Chattanooga and availed itself of the opportunity thus afforded of winning, on the field of Chickamauga, one of the most brilliant and decisive victories of the war. The signal defeat of General Rosecrans was followed by his retreat into Chattanooga, where his imperiled position had the immediate effect of relieving the pressure of the invasion at other points, forcing the concentration, for his relief, of large bodies of troops withdrawn from the armies in the Mississippi Valley and in northern Virginia. The combined forces thus accumulated against us in Tennessee so greatly outnumbered

bered our army as to encourage the enemy to attack. After a long and severe battle, in which great carnage was inflicted on him, some of our troops inexplicably abandoned a position of great strength and by a disorderly retreat compelled the commander to withdraw the forces elsewhere successful and finally to retire with his whole army to a position some 20 or 30 miles to the rear. It is believed that if the troops who yielded to the assault had fought with the valor which they had displayed on previous occasions, and which was manifested in this battle on the other parts of the line, the enemy would have been repulsed with very great slaughter and our country would have escaped the misfortune and the army the mortification of the first defeat that has resulted from misconduct by the troops. In the meantime the army of General Burnside was driven from all its field positions in eastern Tennessee and forced to retreat into its entrenchments at Knoxville, where, for some weeks, it was threatened with capture by the forces under General Longstreet. No information has reached me of the final result of the operations of our commander, though intelligence has arrived of his withdrawal from that place.

While, therefore, our success in driving the enemy from our soil has not equaled the expectations confidently entertained at the commencement of the campaign, his progress has been checked. If we are forced to regret losses in Tennessee and Arkansas, we are not without ground for congratulation on successes in Louisiana and Texas. On the seacoast he is exhausted by vain efforts to capture our ports, while on the northern frontier he has in turn felt the pressure and dreads the renewal of invasion. The indomitable courage and perseverance of the people in the defense of their homes have been nobly attested by the unanimity with which the legislatures of Virginia, North Carolina, and Georgia have recently given expression to the popular sentiment; and like manifestations may be anticipated from all the States. Whatever obstinacy may be displayed by the enemy in his desperate sacrifices of money, life, and liberty in the hope of enslaving us, the experience of mankind has too conclusively shown the superior endurance of those who fight for home, liberty, and independence to permit any doubt of the result.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

I regret to inform you that there has been no improvement in the state of our relations with foreign countries since my message in January last. On the contrary, there has been a still greater divergence in the conduct of European nations from that practical impartiality which alone deserves the name of neutrality, and their action in some cases has assumed a character positively unfriendly.

You have heretofore been informed that, by common understanding, the initiative in all action touching the contest on this continent had been left by foreign powers to the two great maritime nations of western Europe, and that the Governments of these two nations had agreed to take no measures without previous concert. The result of these arrangements has, therefore, placed it in the power of either France or England to obstruct at pleasure the recognition to which the Confederacy is justly entitled, or even to prolong the continuance of hostilities on this side of the Atlantic, if the policy of either could be promoted by the postponement of peace. Each, too, thus became possessed of great influence in so shaping the general exercise of neutral rights in Europe as to render them subservient to the purpose of aiding one of the belligerents to the detriment of the other. I referred, at your last session, to some of the leading points in the course pursued by professed neutrals which betrayed a partisan leaning to the side of our enemies, but events have since occurred which induce me to renew the subject in greater detail than was then deemed necessary. In calling to your attention the action of those Governments I shall refer to the documents appended to President Lincoln's messages and to their own correspondence as disclosing the true nature of their policy and the motives which guided it. To this course no exception can be taken, inasmuch as our attention has been invited to those sources of information by their official publication.

In May, 1861, the Government of Her Britannic Majesty informed our enemies that it had not "allowed any other than an intermediate position on the part of the Southern States," and assured them "that the sympathies of this country (Great Britain) were rather with the North than with the South."

On the 1st day of June, 1861, the British Government interdicted the use of its ports "to armed ships and privateers, both of the United States and the so-called Confederate States," with their prizes. The Secretary of State of the United States fully appreciated the character and motive of this interdiction, when he observed to Lord Lyons, who communicated it, "that this measure, and that of the same character which had been adopted by France, would probably prove a deathblow to Southern privateering."

On the 12th June, 1861, the United States minister in London informed Her Majesty's secretary for foreign affairs that the fact of his having held interviews with the commissioners of this Government had given "great dissatisfaction," and that a protraction of this relation would be viewed by the United States "as hostile in spirit, and to require some corresponding action accordingly." In response to this intimation Her Majesty's secretary assured the minister that "he had no expectation of seeing them any more."

By proclamation, issued on the 19th and 27th April, 1861, President Lincoln proclaimed the blockade of the entire coast of the Confederacy, extending from the Potomac to the Rio Grande, embracing, according to the returns of the United States Coast Survey, a coast line of 3,549 statute miles, on which the number of rivers, bays, harbors, inlets, sounds, and passes is 189. The Navy possessed by the United States for enforcing this blockade was stated in the reports communicated by President Lincoln to the Congress of the United States to consist of 24 vessels of all classes in commission, of which half were in distant seas. The absurdity of the pretension of such a blockade, in face of the authoritative declaration of the maritime rights of neutrals made at Paris in 1856, was so glaring that the attempt was regarded as an experiment on the forbearance of neutral powers, which they would promptly resist. This conclusion was justified by the fact that the Governments of France and Great Britain determined that it was necessary for their interests to obtain from both belligerents "securities concerning the proper treatment of neutrals." In the instructions which "confided the negotiation on this matter" to the British consul in Charleston he was informed that "the most perfect accord on this question exists between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the Emperor of the French," and these instructions were accompanied by a copy of the dispatch of the British foreign office of the 18th May, 1861, stating that there was no difference of opinion between Great Britain and the United States as to the validity of the principles enunciated in the fourth article of the declaration of Paris in reference to blockades. Your predecessors of the Provisional Congress had, therefore, no difficulty in proclaiming, nor I in approving, the resolutions which abandoned in favor of Great Britain and France our right to capture enemy's property when covered by the flags of those powers. The "securities" desired by those Governments were understood by us to be required from both belligerents. Neutrals were exposed on our part to the exercise of the belligerent right of capturing their vessels when conveying the property of our enemies. They were exposed, on the part of the United States, to interruption in their unquestioned right of trading with us by the declaration of the paper blockade above referred to. We had no reason to doubt the good faith of the proposal made to us, nor to suspect that we were to be the only parties bound by its acceptance. It is true that the instructions of the neutral powers informed their agents that it was "essential under present circumstances that they should act with great caution, in order to avoid raising the question of the recognition of the new Confederation," and that the understanding on the subject did not assume, for that reason, the shape of a formal convention. But it was not deemed just by us to decline the arrangement on this ground, as little more than ninety days had then elapsed since the arrival of our commissioners in Europe, and neutral nations were fairly entitled to a reasonable delay in acting on a subject of so much importance, and which, from their point of view, presented difficulties that we perhaps did not fully appreciate. Certain it is that the action of this Government on the occasion and its faithful performance of its own engagements have been such as to entitle it to expect on the part of those who sought in their own interests a mutual understanding the most scrupulous adherence to their own promises. I feel constrained to inform you that in this expectation we have been disappointed, and that not only have the Governments which entered into these arrangements yielded to the prohibition against commerce with us, which has been dictated by the United States in defiance of the law of nations, but that this concession of their neutral rights to our detriment has on more than one occasion been claimed in intercourse with our enemies as an evidence of friendly feeling toward them. A few extracts from the correspondence of Her Majesty's chief secretary of state for foreign affairs will suffice to show marked encouragement to the United States to persevere in its paper blockade and unmistakable intimations that Her Majesty's Government would not contest its validity.

On the 21st May, 1861, Earl Russell pointed out to the United States minister in London that "the blockade might no doubt be made effective, considering the small number of harbors on the southern coast, even though the extent of 3,000 miles were comprehended in terms of that blockade."

On the 14th January, 1862, Her Majesty's minister in Washington communicated to his Government that in extenuation of the barbarous attempt to destroy the port of Charleston by sinking a stone fleet in the harbor, Mr. Seward had explained "that the Government of the United States had, last spring, with a navy very little pre-

pared for so extensive an operation, undertaken to blockade upward of 3,000 miles of coast. The Secretary of the Navy had reported that he could stop up the 'large holes' by means of his ships, but that he could not stop up the 'small ones.' It had been found necessary, therefore, to close some of the numerous small inlets by sinking vessels in the channel."

On the 6th May, 1862, so far from claiming the right of British subjects as neutrals to trade with us as belligerents and to disregard the blockade on the ground of this explicit confession by our enemy of his inability to render it effective, Her Majesty's secretary of state for foreign affairs claimed credit with the United States for friendly action in respecting it. His lordship stated that "the United States Government, on the allegation of a rebellion pervading from nine to eleven States of the Union, have now for more than twelve months endeavored to maintain a blockade of 3,000 miles of coast. This blockade, kept up irregularly, but when enforced, enforced severely, has seriously injured the trade and manufactures of the United Kingdom. Thousands are now obliged to resort to the poor rates for subsistence owing to this blockade. Yet Her Majesty's Government have never sought to take advantage of the obvious imperfections of this blockade in order to declare it ineffective. They have, to the loss and detriment of the British nation, scrupulously observed the duties of Great Britain toward a friendly State."

Again, on the 22d of September, 1862, the same noble earl asserted that the United States were "very far indeed" from being in "a condition to ask other nations to assume that every port of the coasts of the so-styled Confederate States is effectively blockaded."

When, in view of these facts—of the obligation of the British nation to adhere to the pledge made by their Government at Paris in 1856, and renewed to this Confederacy in 1861—and of these repeated and explicit avowals of the imperfection, irregularity, and inefficiency of the pretended blockade of our coast, I directed our commissioner at London to call upon the British Government to redeem its promise and to withhold its moral aid and sanction from the flagrant violation of public law committed by our enemies, we were informed that Her Majesty's Government could not regard the blockade of the southern ports as having been otherwise than "practically effective" in February, 1862, and that "the manner in which it has since been enforced gives to neutral governments no excuse for asserting that the blockade has not been efficiently maintained." We were further informed, when we insisted that by the terms of our agreement no blockade was to be considered effective unless "sufficient really to prevent access to our coast," "that the declaration of Paris was, in truth, directed against blockades not sustained by any actual force, or sustained by a notoriously inadequate force, such as the occasional appearance of a man-of-war in the offing, or the like."

It was impossible that this mode of construing an agreement, so as to make its terms mean almost the reverse of what they plainly conveyed, could be considered otherwise than as a notification of the refusal of the British Government to remain bound by its agreement, or longer to respect those articles of the declaration of Paris which had been repeatedly denounced by British statesmen and had been characterized by Earl Russell as "very imprudent" and "most unsatisfactory."

If any doubt remained of the motives by which the British ministry have been actuated in their conduct, it would be completely dissipated by the distinct avowals and explanations contained in the published speech recently made by Her Majesty's secretary for foreign affairs. In commenting on the remonstrances of this Government against the countenance given to an ineffective blockade, the following language is used: "It is said we have, contrary to the declaration of Paris, contrary to international law, permitted the blockade of 3,000 miles of American coast. It is quite true we did so, and the presumable cause of complaint is quite true, that although the blockade is kept up by a sufficient number of ships, yet these ships were sent into the United States Navy in a hurry, and are ill fitted for the purpose and did not keep up so completely and effectively as was required, an effective blockade."

This unequivocal confession of violation, both of agreement with us and of international law, is defended on grounds, the validity of which we submit with confidence to the candid judgment of mankind.

These grounds are thus stated: "Still, looking at the law of nations, it was a blockade we, as a great belligerent power in former times, should have acknowledged. We ourselves had a blockade of upward of 2,000 miles, and it did seem to me that we were bound in justice to the Federal States of America to acknowledge that blockade. But there was another reason which weighed with me. Our people were suffering severely for the want of that material which was the main staff of their industry, and it was a question of self-interest whether we should not break the blockade. But in my opinion the men of England would have been forever infamous if, for the sake of their own interest, they had violated the law of nations and made

war in conjunction with these slaveholding States of America against the Federal States."

In the second of these reasons our rights are not involved; although it may be permitted to observe that the conduct of governments has not heretofore, to my knowledge, been guided by the principle that it is infamous to assert their rights whenever the invasion of those rights creates severe suffering among their people and injuriously affects great interests. But the intimation that relations with these States would be discreditable because they are slaveholding would probably have been omitted if the official personage who has published it to the world had remembered that these States were, when colonies, made slaveholding by the direct exercise of the power of Great Britain, whose dependencies they were and whose interests in the slave trade were then supposed to require that her colonies should be made slaveholding.

But the other ground stated is of a very grave character. It asserts that a violation of the law of nations by Great Britain in 1807, when that Government declared a paper blockade of 2,000 miles of coast (a violation then defended by her courts and jurists on the sole ground that her action was retaliatory), affords a justification for a similar outrage on neutral rights by the United States in 1861, for which no palliation can be suggested; and that Great Britain "is bound, in justice to the Federal States," to make return for the war waged against her by the United States in resistance of her illegal blockade of 1807, by an acquiescence in the Federal illegal blockade of 1861. The most alarming feature in this statement is its admission of a just claim on the part of the United States to require of Great Britain, during this war, a disregard of the recognized principles of modern public law and of her own compacts, whenever any questionable conduct of Great Britain, "in former times," can be cited as a precedent. It is not inconsistent with respect and admiration for the great people whose Government have given us this warning to suggest that their history, like that of mankind in general, offers exceptional instances of indefensible conduct "in former times;" and we may well deny the morality of violating recent engagements through deference to the evil precedents of the past.

After defending, in the manner just stated, the course of the British Government on the subject of the blockade, Her Majesty's foreign secretary takes care to leave no doubt of the further purpose of the British Government to prevent our purchase of vessels in Great Britain, while supplying our enemies with rifles and other munitions of war, and states the intention to apply to Parliament for the furtherance of this design. He gives to the United States the assurance that he will do in their favor not only "everything that the law of nations requires, everything that the present foreign enlistment act requires," but that he will ask the sanction of Parliament "to further measures that Her Majesty's ministers may still add." This language is so unmistakably an official exposition of the policy adopted by the British Government in relation to our affairs, that the duty imposed on me by the Constitution, of giving you from time to time "information of the state of the Confederacy," would not have been performed if I had failed to place it distinctly before you.

I refer you for fuller details on this whole subject to the correspondence of the State Department which accompanies this message. The facts which I have briefly narrated are, I trust, sufficient to enable you to appreciate the true nature of the neutrality professed in this war. It is not in my power to apprise you to what extent the Government of France shares the views so unreservedly avowed by that of Great Britain, no published correspondence of the French Government on the subject having been received. No public protest nor opposition, however, has been made by his Imperial Majesty against the prohibition to trade with us, imposed on French citizens by the paper blockade of the United States, although I have reason to believe that an unsuccessful attempt was made on his part to secure the assent of the British Government to a course of action more consonant with the dictates of public law and with the demands of justice toward us.

The partiality of Her Majesty's Government in favor of our enemies has been further evinced in the marked difference of its conduct on the subject of the purchase of supplies by the two belligerents. This difference has been conspicuous since the very commencement of the war. As early as the 1st May, 1861, the British minister in Washington was informed by the Secretary of State of the United States that he had sent agents to England, and that others would go to France to purchase arms, and this fact was communicated to the British foreign office, which interposed no objection. Yet in October of the same year, Earl Russell entertained the complaint of the United States minister in London, that the Confederate States were importing contraband of war from the island of Nassau, directed inquiry into the matter and obtained a report from the authorities of the island denying the allegations, which report was inclosed to Mr. Adams and received by him as satisfactory evidence to dissipate "the suspicion naturally thrown upon the authorities of Nassau by that

unwarrantable act." So, too, when the Confederate Government purchased in Great Britain, as a neutral country (and with strict observance both of the law of nations and the municipal law of Great Britain), vessels which were subsequently armed and commissioned as vessels of war after they had been far removed from English waters, the British Government, in violation of its own laws and in deference to the importunate demands of the United States, made an ineffectual attempt to seize one vessel, and did actually seize and detain another which touched at the island of Nassau on her way to a Confederate port, and subjected her to an unfounded prosecution at the very time when cargoes of munitions of war were being openly shipped from British ports to New York to be used in warfare against us. Even now the public journals bring intelligence that the British Government has ordered the seizure in a British port of two vessels on the suspicion that they may have been sold to this Government, and that they may be hereafter armed and equipped in our service, while British subjects are engaged in Ireland by tens of thousands to proceed to the United States for warfare against the Confederacy in defiance both of the law of nations and of the express terms of the British statutes, and are transported in British ships, without an effort at concealment, to the ports of the United States, there to be armed with rifles imported from Great Britain and to be employed against our people in a war for conquest. No royal prerogative is invoked, no executive interference is interposed against this flagrant breach of municipal and international law on the part of our enemies, while strained constructions are placed on existing statutes, new enactments proposed, and questionable expedients devised for precluding the possibility of purchase by this Government of vessels that are useless for belligerent purposes, unless hereafter armed and equipped outside of the neutral jurisdiction of Great Britain.

For nearly three years this Government has exercised unquestioned jurisdiction over many millions of willing and united people. It has met and defeated vast armies of invaders, who have in vain sought its subversion. Supported by the confidence and affection of its citizens, the Confederacy has lacked no element which distinguishes an independent nation, according to the principles of public law. Its legislative, executive, and judicial departments, each in its sphere, have performed their appropriate functions with a regularity as undisturbed as in a time of profound peace, and the whole energies of the people have been developed in the organization of vast armies, while their rights and liberties have rested secure under the protection of the courts of justice. This Confederacy is either independent or it is a dependency of the United States, for no other earthly power claims the right to govern it. Without one historic fact on which the pretension can rest, without one line or word of treaty or covenant which can give color to title, the United States have asserted, and the British Government has chosen to concede, that these sovereign States are dependencies of the Government which is administered at Washington. Great Britain has accordingly entertained with that Government the closest and most intimate relations, while refusing on its demand ordinary amicable intercourse with us, and has, under arrangements made with the other nations of Europe, not only denied our just claim of admission into the family of nations, but interposed a passive though effectual bar to the acknowledgment of our rights by other powers. So soon as it had become apparent, by the declarations of the British ministers in the debates of the British Parliament in July last, that Her Majesty's Government was determined to persist indefinitely in a course of policy which, under professions of neutrality, had become subservient to the designs of our enemy, I felt it my duty to recall the commissioner formerly accredited to that court, and the correspondence on the subject is submitted to you.

It is due to you and to our country that this full statement should be made of the just grounds which exist for dissatisfaction with the conduct of the British Government. I am well aware that we are unfortunately without adequate remedy for the injustice under which we have suffered at the hands of a powerful nation at a juncture when our entire resources are absorbed in the defense of our lives, liberties, and independence, against an enemy possessed of greatly superior numbers and material resources. Claiming no favor, desiring no aid, conscious of our own ability to defend our own rights against the utmost efforts of an infuriate foe, we had thought it not extravagant to expect that assistance would be withheld from our enemies, and that the conduct of foreign nations would be marked by a genuine impartiality between the belligerents. It was not supposed that a professed neutrality would be so conducted as to justify the foreign secretary of the British nation, in explaining, in correspondence with our enemies, how "the impartial observance of neutral obligations by Her Majesty's Government has thus been exceedingly advantageous to the cause of the more powerful of the two contending parties." The British Government may deem this war a favorable occasion for establishing, by the temporary sacrifice of their neutral rights, a precedent which shall justify the future exercise

of those extreme belligerent pretensions that their naval power renders so formidable. The opportunity for obtaining the tacit assent of European governments to a line of conduct which ignores the obligations of the declaration of Paris, and treats that instrument rather as a theoretical exposition of principles than a binding agreement, may be considered by the British ministry as justifying them in seeking a great advantage for their own country at the expense of ours. But we can not permit without protest the assertion that international law or morals regard as "impartial neutrality" conduct avowed to be "exceedingly advantageous" to one of the belligerents.

I have stated that we are without adequate remedy against the injustice under which we suffer. There are but two measures that seem applicable to the present condition of our relations with neutral powers. One is to imitate the wrong of which we complain, to retaliate by the declaration of a paper blockade of the coast of the United States, and to capture all neutral vessels trading with their ports that our cruisers can intercept on the high seas. This measure I can not recommend. It is true, that in so doing, we should but follow the precedents set by Great Britain and France in the Berlin and Milan decrees, and the British orders in council at the beginning of the present century. But it must be remembered that we, ourselves, protested against those very measures as signal violations of the law of nations, and declared the attempts to excuse them, on the ground of their being retaliatory, utterly insufficient. Those blockades are now quoted by writers on public law as a standing reproach on the good name of the nations who were betrayed by temporary exasperation into wrongdoing, and ought to be regarded rather as errors to be avoided than as examples to be followed.

The other measure is not open to this objection. The second article of the declaration of Paris, which provides "that the neutral flag covers enemy's goods, with the exception of contraband of war," was a new concession by belligerents in favor of neutrals, and not simply the enunciation of an acknowledged preexisting rule like the fourth article which referred to blockades. To this concession we bound ourselves by the convention with Great Britain and France, which took the shape of the resolutions adopted by your predecessors on the 13th August, 1861. The consideration tendered us for that concession has been withheld. We have, therefore, the undeniable right to refuse longer to remain bound by a compact which the other party refuses to fulfill. But we should not forget that war is but temporary and that we desire that peace shall be permanent. The future policy of the Confederacy must ever be to uphold neutral rights to their full extent. The principles of the declaration of Paris commend themselves to our judgment as more just, more humane, and more consonant with modern civilization than those belligerent pretensions which great naval powers have heretofore sought to introduce into the maritime code. To forego our undeniable right to the exercise of those pretensions is a policy higher, worthier of us and of our cause, than to revoke our adhesion to principles that we approve. Let our hope for redress rest rather on a returning sense of justice which can not fail to awaken a great people to the consciousness that the war in which we are engaged ought rather to be made a reason for forbearance of advantage than an occasion for the unfriendly conduct of which we make just complaint.

The events of the last year have produced important changes in the condition of our southern neighbor. The occupation of the capital of Mexico by the French army, and the establishment of a provisional government, followed by a radical change in the constitution of the country, have excited lively interest. Although preferring our own Government and institutions to those of other countries, we can have no disposition to contest the exercise by them of the same right of self-government which we assert for ourselves. If the Mexican people prefer a monarchy to a republic, it is our plain duty cheerfully to acquiesce in their decision, and to evince a sincere and friendly interest in their prosperity. If, however, the Mexicans prefer maintaining their former institutions we have no reason to apprehend any obstacle to the free exercise of their choice. The Emperor of the French has solemnly disclaimed any purpose to impose on Mexico a form of government not acceptable to the nation; and the eminent personage to whom the throne has been tendered declines its acceptance unless the offer be sanctioned by the suffrages of the people. In either event, therefore, we may confidently expect the continuance of those peaceful relations which have been maintained on the frontier, and even a large development of the commerce already existing to the mutual advantage of the two countries.

It has been found necessary since your adjournment to take action on the subject of certain foreign consuls within the Confederacy. The nature of this action and the reasons on which it was based are so fully exhibited in the correspondence of the State Department, which is transmitted to you, that no additional comment is required.

In connection with this subject of our relations with foreign countries, it is deemed opportune to communicate my views in reference to the treaties made by the Gov-

ernment of the United States at a date anterior to our separation, and which were consequently binding on us as well as on foreign powers when the separation took effect. It was partly with a view to entering into such arrangements as the change in our Government had made necessary that we felt it our duty to send commissioners abroad for the purpose of entering into the negotiations proper to fix the relative rights and obligations of the parties to those treaties. As this tender on our part has been declined; as foreign nations have refused us the benefit of the treaties to which we were parties, they certainly have ceased to be binding on us, and in my opinion, our relations with European nations are therefore now controlled exclusively by the general rules of the law of nations. It is proper to add that these remarks are intended to apply solely to treaty obligations toward foreign governments, and have no reference to rights of individuals.

FINANCES.

The state of the public finances is such as to demand your earliest and most earnest attention. I need hardly say that a prompt and efficacious remedy for the present condition of the currency is necessary to the successful performance of the functions of government. Fortunately, the resources of our country are so ample, and the spirit of our people so devoted to its cause, that they are ready to make any necessary contribution. Relief is thus entirely within our reach if we have the wisdom to legislate in such manner as to render available the means at our disposal.

At the commencement of the war we were far from anticipating the magnitude and duration of the struggle in which we were engaged. The most sagacious foresight could not have predicted that the passions of the Northern people would lead them blindly to the sacrifice of life, treasure, and liberty in so vain a hope as that of subjugating thirteen independent States inhabited by many millions of people, whose birthright of freedom is dearer to them than life. A long exemption from direct taxation by the General Government had created an aversion to its raising revenue by any other means than by duties on imports, and it was supposed that these duties would be ample for current peace expenditure, while the means for conducting the war could be raised almost exclusively by the use of the public credit.

The first action of the Provisional Congress was therefore confined to passing a tariff law and to raising a sum of fifteen millions of dollars by loan, with a pledge of a small export duty on cotton to provide for the redemption of the debt.

At its second session war was declared to exist between the Confederacy and the United States, and provision was made for the issue of twenty millions of dollars in Treasury notes, and for borrowing thirty millions of dollars on bonds. The tariff was revised and the preparatory measures taken to enable the Congress to levy internal taxation at its succeeding session. These laws were passed in May, and the States of Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Arkansas having joined the Confederacy, the Congress adjourned to meet in the city of Richmond in the following month of July.

Prior to the assembling of your predecessors in Richmond at their third session, near the end of July, 1861, the President of the United States had developed in his message the purpose "to make the contest a short and decisive one," and had called on Congress for 400,000 men and four hundred millions of dollars. The Congress had exceeded the Executive recommendation and had authorized the levy of half a million of volunteers, besides largely increasing the regular land and naval forces of the United States. The necessity thus first became urgent that a financial scheme should be devised on a basis sufficiently large for the vast proportions of the contest with which we were threatened. Knowing that the struggle, instead of being "short and decisive," would be indefinite in duration, and could only end when the United States should awaken from their delusion of conquest, a permanent system was required, fully adapted to the great exigencies before us.

The plan devised by Congress at that time was based on the theory of issuing Treasury notes convertible at the pleasure of the holder into eight per cent bonds, the interest of which was to be payable in coin, and it was correctly assumed that any tendency to depreciation that might arise from overissue of the currency would be checked by the constant exercise of the holder's right to fund the notes at a liberal interest payable in specie. This system depended for success on the continued ability of Government to pay the interest in specie, and means were, therefore, provided for that purpose in the law authorizing the issues. An internal tax, termed a war tax, was levied, the proceeds of which, together with the revenue from imports, were deemed sufficient for the object designed. This scheme required for its operation that our commerce with foreign nations should not be suspended. It was not to be anticipated that such suspension would be permitted otherwise than by an effective blockade; and it was absurd to suppose that a blockade "sufficient really to prevent access" to our entire coast could be maintained.

We had the means, therefore (if neutral nations had not combined to aid our enemies by the sanction of an illegal prohibition on their commerce), to secure the receipt into the Treasury of coin sufficient to pay the interest on the bonds, and thus maintain the Treasury notes at rates nearly equal to par in specie. So long as the interest continued to be thus paid with the reserve of coin preexisting in our country, experience sustained the expectations of those who devised the system. Thus, on the first of the following December, coin had only reached a premium of about twenty per cent, although it had already become apparent that the commerce of the country was threatened with permanent suspension by reason of the conduct of neutral nations, and that the necessary result must be the exhaustion of our specie reserve. Wheat, in the beginning of the year 1862, was selling at one dollar and thirty cents per bushel, not exceeding, therefore, its average price in time of peace. The other agricultural products of the country were at similar moderate rates, thus indicating that there was no excess of circulation, and that the rate of premium on specie was heightened by the exceptional causes which tended to its exhaustion without the possibility of renewing the supply.

This review of the policy of your predecessors is given in justice to them, and it exhibits the condition of the finances at the date when the permanent Government was organized.

In the meantime the popular aversion to internal taxation by the General Government had influenced the legislation of the several States, and in only three of them, South Carolina, Mississippi, and Texas, were the taxes actually collected from the people. The quotas devolving upon the remaining States had been raised by the issue of bonds and State treasury notes, and the public debt of the country was thus actually increased instead of being diminished by the taxation imposed by Congress.

Neither at the first nor second session of the present Congress were means provided by taxation for maintaining the Government, the legislation being confined to authorizing further sales of bonds and issues of Treasury notes. Although repeated efforts were made to frame a proper system of taxation, you were confronted with an obstacle which did not exist for your predecessors, and which created grave embarrassment in devising any scheme of taxation. About two-thirds of the entire taxable property of the Confederate States consist of lands and slaves. The general power of taxation vested in Congress by the Provisional Constitution (which was to be only temporary in its operation) was not restricted by any other condition than that "all duties, imposts, and excises should be uniform throughout the States of the Confederacy." But the permanent Constitution, sanctioning the principle that taxation and representation ought to rest on the same basis, specially provides that "representatives and direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole number of free persons, including those bound to service for a term of years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three-fifths of all slaves."

It was further ordered that a census should be made within three years after the first meeting of the Congress, and that "no capitation or other direct tax shall be laid unless in proportion to the census or enumeration hereinbefore directed to be taken."

It is plain that under these provisions capitation and direct taxes must be levied in proportion to the census when made. It is also plain that the duty is imposed on Congress to provide for making a census prior to the 22d February, 1865. It may further be stated that, according to the received construction of the Constitution of the United States (a construction acquiesced in for upwards of sixty years), taxes on lands and slaves are direct taxes, and the conclusion seems necessarily to be that, in repeating, without modification, in our Constitution, this language of the Constitution of 1787, our convention intended to attach to it the meaning which had been sanctioned by long and uninterrupted acquiescence.

So long as there seemed to be a probability of being able to carry out these provisions of the Constitution in their entirety, and in conformity with the intentions of its authors, there was an obvious difficulty in framing any system of taxation. A law which should exempt from the burthen two-thirds of the property of the country would be as unfair to the owners of the remaining third as it would be inadequate to meet the requirements of the public service.

The urgency of the need was such, however, that, after very great embarrassment and more than three months of assiduous labor, you succeeded in framing the law of the 24th April, 1863, by which you sought to reach, so far as was practicable, every resource of the country except the capital invested in real estate and slaves, and by means of an income tax and a tax in kind on the produce of the soil, as well as by licenses on business occupations and professions, to command resources sufficient for the wants of the country. But a very large proportion of these resources could only be made available at the close of the present and the commencement of the ensuing

year, while the intervening exigencies permitted no delay. In this state of affairs, superinduced almost unavoidably by the fortunes of the war in which we are engaged, the issues of Treasury notes have been increased until the currency in circulation amounts to more than six hundred millions of dollars, or more than threefold the amount required by the business of the country.

I need not enlarge upon the evil effects of this condition of things. They are unfortunately but too apparent. In addition to the difficulty presented to the necessary operations of the Government and the efficient conduct of the war, the most deplorable of all its results is undoubtedly its corrupting influence on the morals of the people. The possession of large amounts of Treasury notes has naturally led to a desire for investment, and with a constantly increasing volume of currency there has been an equally constant increase of price in all objects of investment. This effect has stimulated purchase by the apparent certainty of profit, and a spirit of speculation has thus been fostered which has so debasing an influence and such ruinous consequences that it is our highest duty to remove the cause, and no measures directed to that end can be too prompt or too stringent.

Reverting to the constitutional provisions already cited, the question recurs whether it be possible to execute the duty of apportioning taxation in accordance with the census ordered to be made as a basis. So long as this appeared to be practicable, none can deny the propriety of your course in abstaining from the imposition of direct taxes till you could exercise the power in the precise mode pointed out by the terms of the fundamental law. But it is obvious that there are many duties imposed by the Constitution which depend for their fulfillment on the undisturbed possession of the territory within which they are to be performed. The same instrument which orders a census to be made in all the States imposes the duty on the Confederacy "to guarantee to every State a republican form of government." It enjoins on us "to protect each State from invasion," and while declaring that its great objects and purposes are "to establish justice, insure domestic tranquillity, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity," it confers the means and thereby imposes on us the paramount duty of effecting its intent by "laying and collecting taxes, duties, imposts, and excises, necessary to pay the debts, provide for the common defense, and carry on the Government of the Confederate States."

None would pretend that the Constitution is violated, because, by reason of the presence of hostile armies, we are unable to guarantee a republican form of government to those States or portions of States now temporarily held by the enemy, and as little justice would there be in imputing blame for the failure to make the census when that failure is attributable to causes not foreseen by the authors of the Constitution and beyond our control. The general intent of our constitutional charter is unquestionably that the property of the country is to be taxed in order to raise revenue for the common defense, and the special mode provided for levying this tax is impracticable from unforeseen causes. It is in my judgment our primary duty to execute the general intent expressed by the terms of the instrument which we have sworn to obey, and we can not excuse ourselves for the failure to fulfill this obligation on the ground that we are unable to perform it in the precise mode pointed out. Whenever it shall be possible to execute our duty in all its parts, we must do so in exact compliance with the whole letter and spirit of the Constitution. Until that period shall arrive we must execute so much of it as our condition renders practicable. Whenever the withdrawal of the enemy shall place it in our power to make a census and apportionment of direct taxes, any other mode of levying them will be contrary to the will of the lawgiver and incompatible with our obligation to obey that will; until that period the alternative left is to obey the paramount precept and to execute it according to the only other rule provided, which is to "make the tax uniform throughout the Confederate States."

The considerations just presented are greatly enforced by the reflection that any attempt to apportion taxes amongst States, some of which are wholly or partially in the occupation of hostile forces, would subvert the whole intention of the framers of the Constitution, and be productive of the most revolting injustice, instead of that just correlation between taxation and representation which it was their purpose to secure. With large portions of some of the States occupied by the enemy, what justice would there be in imposing on the remainder the whole amount of the taxation of the entire State in proportion to its representation? What else would this be in effect than to increase the burthen of those who are the heaviest sufferers by the war, and to make our own inability to protect them from invasion, as we are required to do by the Constitution, the ground for adding to their losses by an attempted adherence to the letter in violation of the spirit of that instrument. No such purpose could have been entertained, and no such result contemplated by the framers of the Constitution. It may add weight to these considerations if we reflect, that although the Constitution provided that it should go into operation with a representation

temporarily distributed among the States, it expressly ordains, after providing for a census within three years, that this temporary distribution of representative power is to endure "until *such* enumeration shall be made." Would anyone argue that because the census can not be made within the fixed period, the Government must at the expiration of that period perish for want of a representative body? In any aspect in which the subject can be viewed I am led to the conclusion already announced, and which is understood to be in accordance with a vote taken in one or both Houses at your last session. I shall, therefore, until we are able to pursue the precise mode required by the Constitution, deem it my duty to approve any law levying the taxation which you are bound to impose for the defense of the country in any other practicable mode which shall distribute the burthen uniformly and impartially on the whole property of the people.

In your former legislation you have sought to avoid the increase in the volume of notes in circulation, by offering inducements to voluntary funding. The measures adopted for that purpose have been but partially successful, and the evil has now reached such a magnitude as to permit no other remedy than the compulsory reduction of the currency to the amount required by the business of the country. This reduction should be accompanied by a pledge that under no stress of circumstances will that amount be exceeded. No possible mode of using the credit of the Government can be so disastrous as one which disturbs the basis of all exchanges, renders impossible all calculations of future values, augments, in constantly increasing proportions, the price of all commodities, and so depreciates all fixed wages, salaries, and incomes, as to render them inadequate to bare subsistence. If to these be added the still more fatal influence on the morals and character of the people, to which I have already adverted, I am persuaded you will concur in the conclusion that an inflexible adherence to a limitation of the currency at a fixed sum is an indispensable element of any system of finance now to be adopted.

The holders of the currency now outstanding can only be protected in the recovery of their just claims by substituting for their notes some other security. If the currency is not greatly and promptly reduced, the present scale of inflated prices will not only continue to exist, but by the very fact of the large amounts thus made requisite in the conduct of the war, those prices will reach rates still more extravagant, and the whole system will fall under its own weight, thus rendering the redemption of the debt impossible and destroying its whole value in the hands of the holder. If, on the contrary, a funded debt, with interest secured by adequate taxation, can be substituted for the outstanding currency, its entire amount will be made available to the holder, and the Government will be in a condition enabling it, beyond the reach of any probable contingency, to prosecute the war to a successful issue. It is, therefore, demanded, as well by the interest of the creditor as of the country at large, that the evidences of the public debt now outstanding in the shape of Treasury notes, be converted into bonds bearing adequate interest, with a provision for taxation sufficient to insure punctual payment, and final redemption of the whole debt.

The report of the Secretary of the Treasury presents the outlines of a system which, in conjunction with existing legislation, is intended to secure the several objects of a reduction of the circulation within fixed, reasonable limits; of providing for the future wants of the Government; of furnishing security for the punctual payment of interest and final extinction of the principal of the public debt, and of placing the whole business of the country on a basis as near a specie standard as is possible during the continuance of the war. I earnestly recommend it, to your consideration, and that no delay be permitted to intervene before your action on this vital subject. I trust that it will be suffered to engross your attention until you shall have disposed of it in the manner best adapted to attain the important results which your country anticipates from your legislation.

It may be added that, in considering this subject, the people ought steadily to keep in view that the Government, in contracting debt, is but their agent; that its debt is their debt. As the currency is held exclusively by ourselves, it is obvious that, if each person held Treasury notes in exact proportion to the value of his whole means, each would in fact owe himself the amount of the notes held by him, and were it possible to distribute the currency among the people in this exact proportion, a tax levied on the currency alone, to an amount sufficient to reduce it to proper limits, would afford the best of all remedies. Under such circumstances, the notes remaining in the hands of each holder, after the payment of his tax, would be worth quite as much as the whole sum previously held, for it would purchase at least an equal amount of commodities. This result can not be perfectly attained by any device of legislation, but it can be approximated by taxation. A tax on all values has for its effect, not only to impose a due share of the burthen on the note holder, but to force those who have few or none of the notes to part with a share of their pos-

sessions to those who hold the notes in excess, in order to obtain the means of satisfying the demands of the tax gatherer. This is the only mode by which it is practicable to make all contribute as equally as possible in the burthen which all are bound to share, and it is for this reason that taxation adequate to the public exigencies, under our present circumstances, must be the basis of any funding system or other remedy for restoring stability to our finances.

THE ARMY.

To the report of the Secretary of War you are referred for details relative to the condition of the Army, and the measures of legislation required for maintaining its efficiency, recruiting its numbers, and furnishing the supplies necessary for its support.

Though we have lost many of the best of our soldiers and most patriotic of our citizens (the sad but unavoidable result of the battles and toils of such a campaign as that which will render the year 1863 ever memorable in our annals), the Army is believed to be in all respects in better condition than at any previous period of the war. Our gallant defenders, now veterans, familiar with danger, hardened by exposure, and confident in themselves and their officers, endure privations with cheerful fortitude and welcome battle with alacrity. The officers, by experience in field service and the action of examining boards in relieving the incompetent, are now greatly more efficient than at the commencement of the war. The assertion is believed to be fully justified, that, regarded as a whole, for character, valor, efficiency, and patriotic devotion, our Army has not been equaled by any like number of troops in the history of war.

In view of the large conscription recently ordered by the enemy, and their subsequent call for volunteers, to be followed, if ineffectual, by a still further draft, we are admonished that no effort must be spared to add largely to our effective force as promptly as possible. The sources of supply are to be found by restoring to the Army all who are improperly absent, putting an end to substitution, modifying the exemption law, restricting details, and placing in the ranks such of the able-bodied men now employed as wagoners, nurses, cooks, and other employees as are doing service for which the negroes may be found competent.

The act of 16th April, 1862, provides "that persons not liable for duty may be received as substitutes for those who are, under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War." The policy of granting this privilege has not been sustained by experience. Not only has the numerical strength of the Army been seriously impaired by the frequent desertions for which substitutes have become notorious, but dissatisfaction has been excited among those who have been unable or unwilling to avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded of avoiding the military service of their country.

I fully concur in the opinion expressed by the Secretary, that there is no ground for the objection that a new provision, to include those who furnished substitutes under the former call, would be a breach of contract. To accept a substitute was to confer a privilege, not to enter into a contract, and whenever the substitute is rendered liable to conscription it would seem to follow that the principal whose place he had taken should respond for him, as the Government had received no consideration for his exemption. Where, however, the new provision of law would fail to embrace a substitute now in the ranks, there appears, if the principal should again be conscribed, to be an equitable ground for compensation to the conscript, who then would have added to the service a soldier not otherwise liable to enrollment.

On the subject of exemptions, it is believed that abuses can not be checked unless the system is placed on a basis entirely different from that now provided by law. The object of your legislation has been not to confer privileges on classes, but to exonerate from military duty such number of persons skilled in the various trades, professions, and mechanical pursuits as could render more valuable service to their country by laboring in their present occupation than by going into the ranks of the Army. The policy is unquestionable, but the result would, it is thought, be better obtained by enrolling all such persons and allowing details to be made of the number necessary to meet the wants of the country. Considerable numbers are believed to be now exempted from the military service who are not needful to the public in their civil vocation.

Certain duties are now performed throughout the country by details from the Army which could be as well executed by persons above the present conscript age. An extension of the limit so as to embrace persons over forty-five years and physically fit for service in guarding posts, railroads, and bridges, in apprehending deserters, and, where practicable, assuming the place of younger men detailed for duty with the Niter, Ordnance, Commissary, and Quartermaster's Bureaus of the War

Department would, it is hoped, add largely to the effective force in the field without an undue burthen on the population.

If to the above measures be added a law to enlarge the policy of the act of the 21st April, 1862, so as to enable the Department to replace not only enlisted cooks, but wagoners and other employees in the Army by negroes, it is hoped that the ranks of the Army will be so strengthened for the ensuing campaign as to put at defiance the utmost efforts of the enemy.

In order to maintain unimpaired the existing organization of the Army until the close of the war your legislation contemplated a frequent supply of recruits, and it was expected that before the expiration of the three years for which the men were enrolled under act of 16th April, 1862, the majority of men in each company would consist of those who joined it at different dates subsequent to the original muster of the company into service, and that the discharge of those who had completed their term would at no time be sufficient to leave the company with a less number than is required to enable it to retain its organization. The difficulty of obtaining recruits from certain localities and the large number of exemptions from military service granted by different laws have prevented sufficient accessions in many of the companies to preserve their organizations after the discharge of the original members. The advantage of retaining tried and well-approved officers and of mingling recruits with experienced soldiers is so obvious and the policy of such a course is so clearly indicated that it is not deemed necessary to point out the evil consequences which would result from the destruction of the old organizations or to dwell upon the benefits to be secured from filling up the veteran companies as long before the discharge of the earlier members as may be possible. In the cases where it may be found impracticable to maintain regiments in sufficient strength to justify the retention of the present organization, economy and efficiency would be promoted by consolidation and reorganization. This would involve the necessity of disbanding a part of the officers and making regulations for securing the most judicious selection of those who are retained while least wounding the feelings of those who are discharged.

Experience has shown the necessity for further legislation in relation to the horses of the cavalry. Many men lose their horses by casualties of service which are not included in the provisions made to compensate the owner for the loss, and it may thus not unfrequently happen that the most efficient troopers without fault of their own—indeed, it may be because of their zeal and activity—are lost to the cavalry service.

It would also seem proper that the Government should have complete control over every horse mustered into service, with the limitation that the owner should not be deprived of his horse except upon due compensation being made therefor. Otherwise, mounted men may not keep horses fit for the service; and the question whether they should serve mounted or on foot would depend, not upon the qualifications of the men, but upon the fact of their having horses.

Some provision is deemed requisite to correct the evils arising from the long-continued absence of commissioned officers. Where it is without sufficient cause, it would seem but just that the commission should be thereby vacated. Where it results from capture by the enemy, which, under their barbarous refusal to exchange prisoners of war, may be regarded as absence for an indefinite time, there is a necessity to supply their places in their respective commands. This might be done by temporary appointments to endure only until the return of the officers regularly commissioned. Where it results from permanent disability incurred in the line of their duty, it would be proper to retire them and fill the vacancies according to established mode. I would also suggest the organization of an invalid corps, and that the retired officers be transferred to it. Such a corps, it is thought, could be made useful in various employments, for which efficient officers and troops are now detached.

An organization of the general staff of the Army would be highly conducive to the efficiency of that most important branch of the service. The plan adopted for the military establishment furnishes a model for the staff of the Provisional Army if it be deemed advisable to retain the distinction, but I recommend to your consideration the propriety of abolishing it, and providing for the organization of the several staff corps, in such number and with such rank as will meet all the wants of the service. To secure the requisite ability for the more important positions, it will be necessary to provide for officers of higher rank than is now authorized for these corps. To give to the officers the proper relation and cointelligence in their respective corps, and to preserve in the chief of each the influence and control over his subordinates, there should be no gradation on the basis of the rank of the general with whom they might be serving by appointment. To the personal staff of a general it would seem proper to give a grade corresponding with his rank, and the number might be fixed

to correspond with his command. To avoid the consequence of discharge upon a change of duty, the variable portion of the personal staff might be taken from the line of the Army and allowed to retain their line commissions.

The disordered condition of the currency, to which I have already alluded, has imposed on the Government a system of supplying the wants of the Army, which is so unequal in its operation, vexatious to the producer, injurious to the industrial interest, and productive of such discontent among the people as only to be justified by the existence of an absolute necessity. The report of the Secretary on this point establishes conclusively that the necessity which has forced the bureaus of supply to provide for the Army by impressment, has resulted from the impossibility of purchase by contract or in the open market, except at such rapidly increased rates as would have rendered the appropriations inadequate to the wants of the Army. Indeed, it is believed that the temptation to hoard supplies for the higher prices, which could be anticipated with certainty, has been checked mainly by the fear of the operation of the impressment law; and that commodities have been offered in the markets, principally to escape impressment, and obtain higher rates than those fixed by appraisement. The complaints against this vicious system have been well founded, but the true cause of the evil has been misapprehended. The remedy is to be found, not in a change of the impressment law, but in the restoration of the currency to such a basis as will enable the Department to purchase necessary supplies in the open market, and thus render impressment a rare and exceptional process.

The same remedy will effect the result universally desired, of an augmentation of the pay of the Army. The proposals made at your previous sessions, to increase the pay of the soldier by an additional amount of Treasury notes, would have conferred little benefit on him, but a radical reform of the currency will restore the pay to a value approximating that which it originally had, and materially improve his condition.

The reports from the Ordnance and Mining Bureaus are very gratifying, and the extension of our means of supply of arms and munitions of war from our home resources has been such as to insure our ability soon to become mainly, if not entirely, independent of supplies from foreign countries. The establishments for the casting of guns and projectiles, for the manufacture of small arms and of gunpowder, for the supply of niter from artificial niter beds, and mining operations generally, have been so distributed through the country as to place our resources beyond the reach of partial disasters.

The recommendations of the Secretary of War on other points are minutely detailed in his report, which is submitted to you, and extending, as they do, to almost every branch of the service, merit careful consideration.

EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS.

I regret to inform you that the enemy have returned to the barbarous policy with which they inaugurated the war, and that the exchange of prisoners has been for some time suspended. The correspondence of the commissioners of exchange is submitted to you by the Secretary of War, and it has already been published for the information of all now suffering useless imprisonment. The conduct of the authorities of the United States has been consistently perfidious on this subject. An agreement for exchange in the incipency of the war had just been concluded when the fall of Fort Donelson reversed the previous state of things, and gave them an excess of prisoners. The agreement was immediately repudiated by them, and so remained till the fortune of war again placed us in possession of the larger number. A new cartel was then made, and under it, for many months, we restored to them many thousands of prisoners in excess of those whom they held for exchange, and encampments of the surplus paroled prisoners delivered up by us were established in the United States, where the men were able to receive the comforts and solace of constant communication with their homes and families. In July last the fortune of war again favored the enemy, and they were enabled to exchange for duty the men previously delivered to them, against those captured and paroled at Vicksburg and Port Hudson. The prisoners taken at Gettysburg, however, remained in their hands, and should have been at once returned to our lines on parole, to await exchange. Instead of executing a duty imposed by the plainest dictates of justice and good faith, pretexts were instantly sought for holding them in permanent captivity. General orders rapidly succeeded each other from the bureaus at Washington, placing new constructions on an agreement which had given rise to no dispute while we retained the advantage in the number of prisoners. With a disregard of honorable obligations almost unexampled, the enemy did not hesitate, in addition to retaining the prisoners captured by them, to declare null the paroles given by the prisoners captured by us in the same series of engagements and liberated on condition of not again serving until exchanged. They have since openly insisted on treating the paroles given by their

own soldiers as invalid, and those of our soldiers, given under precisely similar circumstances, as binding. A succession of similar unjust pretensions has been set up in a correspondence tediously prolonged, and every device employed, to cover the disregard of an obligation which, between belligerent nations, is only to be enforced by a sense of honor.

No further comment is needed on this subject, but it may be permitted to direct your special attention to the close of the correspondence submitted to you, from which you will perceive that the final proposal made by the enemy, in settlement of all disputes under the cartel, is, that we should liberate all prisoners held by us, without the offer to release from captivity any of those held by them.

In the meantime a systematic and concerted effort has been made to quiet the complaints in the United States of those relatives and friends of the prisoners in our hands who are unable to understand why the cartel is not executed in their favor, by the groundless assertion that we are the parties who refuse compliance. Attempts are also made to shield themselves from the execration excited by their own odious treatment of our officers and soldiers now captive in their hands, by misstatements, such as that the prisoners held by us are deprived of food. To this last accusation the conclusive answer has been made that, in accordance with our law and the general orders of the Department, the rations of the prisoners are precisely the same, in quantity and quality, as those served out to our own gallant soldiers in the field, and which have been found sufficient to support them in their arduous campaign, while it is not pretended by the enemy that they treat prisoners by the same generous rule. By an indulgence, perhaps unprecedented, we have even allowed the prisoners in our hands to be supplied by their friends at home with comforts not enjoyed by the men who captured them in battle. In contrast to this treatment the most revolting inhumanity has characterized the conduct of the United States toward prisoners held by them. One prominent fact, which admits no denial or palliation, must suffice as a test. The officers of our Army, natives of southern and semitropical climates, and unprepared for the cold of a northern winter, have been conveyed for imprisonment, during the rigors of the present season, to the most northern and exposed situation that could be selected by the enemy. There, beyond the reach of comforts, and often even of news from home and family, exposed to the piercing cold of the northern lakes, they are held by men who can not be ignorant of, even if they do not design, the probable result. How many of our unfortunate friends and comrades, who have passed unscathed through numerous battles, will perish on Johnson's Island, under the cruel trial to which they are subjected, none but the Omnipotent can foretell. That they will endure this barbarous treatment with the same stern fortitude that they have ever evinced in their country's service, we can not doubt. But who can be found to believe the assertion that it is our refusal to execute the cartel, and not the malignity of the foe, which has caused the infliction of such intolerable cruelty on our own loved and honored defenders?

TRANS-MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT.

Regular and punctual communication with the trans-Mississippi is so obstructed as to render difficult a compliance with much of the legislation vesting authority in the executive branch of the Government. To supply vacancies in office, to exercise discretion on certain matters connected with the military organizations, to control the distribution of the funds collected from taxation or remitted from the Treasury, to carry on the operations of the Post-Office Department, and other like duties, require, under the Constitution and existing laws, the action of the President and heads of Departments. The necessities of the military service frequently forbid delay, and some legislation is required providing for the exercise of temporary authority, until regular action can be had at the seat of government. I would suggest, especially in the Post-Office Department, that an assistant be provided for the States beyond the Mississippi, with authority in the head of that Department to vest in this assistant all such powers now exercised by the Postmaster-General as may be requisite for provisional control of the funds of the Department in those States and their application to the payment of mail contractors, for superintendence of the local post-offices and the contracts for carrying the mail, for the temporary employment of proper persons to fulfill the duties of postmasters and contractors in urgent cases until appointments can be made, and for other like purposes. Without some legislative provision on the subject there is serious risk of the destruction of the mail service, by reason of the delays and hardships suffered by contractors under the present system, which requires constant reference to Richmond of their accounts, as well as of the returns of the local postmasters, before they can receive payment for services rendered. Like provision is also necessary in the Treasury Department,

while for military affairs it would seem to be sufficient to authorize the President and Secretary of War to delegate to the commanding general so much of the discretionary powers vested in them by law as the exigencies of the service shall require.

NAVY.

The report of the Secretary of the Navy gives in detail the operations of that Department since January last, embracing information of the disposition and employment of the vessels, officers, and men, and the construction of vessels at Richmond, Wilmington, Charleston, Savannah, Mobile, Selma, and on the rivers Roanoke, Neuse, Pedee, Chattahoochee, and Tombigbee, the accumulation of ship timber and supplies, and the manufacture of ordnance, ordnance stores, and equipments. The foundries and workshops have been greatly improved, and their capacity to supply all demands for heavy ordnance for coast and harbor defenses is only limited by our deficiency in the requisite skilled labor. The want of such labor and of seamen seriously affects the operations of the Department.

The skill, courage, and activity of our cruisers at sea can not be too highly commended. They have inflicted heavy losses on the enemy, without suffering a single disaster, and have seriously damaged the shipping interests of the United States, by compelling their foreign commerce to seek the protection of neutral flags.

Your attention is invited to the suggestions of the report on the subjects of supplying seamen for the service and of the provisions of the law in relation to the volunteer navy.

POST-OFFICE.

The Postmaster-General reports the receipts of that Department for the fiscal year ending the 30th June last to have been \$3,337,853.01, and the expenditures for the same period \$2,662,804.67. The statement thus exhibits an excess of receipts amounting to \$675,048.44, instead of a deficiency of more than a million of dollars, as was the case in the preceding fiscal year. It is gratifying to perceive that the Department has thus been made self-sustaining, in accordance with sound principle, and with the express requirement of the Constitution that its expenses should be paid out of its own revenues after the 1st March, 1863.

The report gives a full and satisfactory account of the operations of the Post-Office Department for the last year, and explains the measures adopted for giving more certainty and regularity to the service in the States beyond the Mississippi, and on which reliance is placed for obviating the difficulties heretofore encountered in that service.

The settlement of the accounts of the Department is greatly delayed by reason of the inability of the First Auditor to perform all the duties now imposed on him by law. The accounts of the Departments of State, of the Treasury, of the Navy, and of Justice are all supervised by that officer, and more than suffice to occupy his whole time. The necessity for a third auditor to examine and settle the accounts of a Department so extensive as that of the Post-Office appears urgent, and his recommendation on that subject meets my concurrence.

CONDUCT OF ENEMY.

I can not close this message without again adverting to the savage ferocity which still marks the conduct of the enemy in the prosecution of the war. After their repulse from the defenses before Charleston they first sought revenge by an abortive attempt to destroy the city with an incendiary composition, thrown by improved artillery from a distance of 4 miles. Failing in this, they changed their missiles, but fortunately have thus far succeeded only in killing two women in the city. Their commanders—Butler, McNeil, and Turchin—whose horrible barbarities have made their names widely notorious and everywhere execrable, are still honored and cherished by the authorities at Washington. The first named, after having been withdrawn from the scenes of his cruelties against women and prisoners of war, in reluctant concession to the demands of outraged humanity in Europe, has just been put in a new command at Norfolk, where helpless women and children are again placed at his mercy.

Nor has less unrelenting warfare been waged by these pretended friends of human rights and liberties against the unfortunate negroes. Wherever the enemy have been able to gain access they have forced into the ranks of their army every able-bodied man that they could seize, and have either left the aged, the women, and the children to perish by starvation or have gathered them into camps where they have been wasted by a frightful mortality. Without clothing or shelter, often without food, incapable, without supervision, of taking the most ordinary precautions against disease, these helpless dependents, accustomed to have their wants supplied by the foresight of their masters, are being rapidly exterminated wherever brought in con-

tact with the invaders. By the northern man, on whose deep-rooted prejudices no kindly restraining influence is exercised, they are treated with aversion and neglect. There is little hazard in predicting that, in all localities where the enemy have gained a temporary foothold, the negroes, who under our care increased sixfold in number since their importation into the colonies by Great Britain, will have been reduced by mortality during the war to not more than one-half their previous number.

Information on this subject is derived not only from our own observation and from the reports of the negroes who succeeded in escaping from the enemy, but full confirmation is afforded by statements published in the northern journals by humane persons engaged in making appeals to the charitable for aid in preventing the ravages of disease, exposure, and starvation among the negro women and children who are crowded into encampments.

The frontier of our country bears witness to the alacrity and efficiency with which the general orders of the enemy have been executed in the devastation of the farms, the destruction of the agricultural implements, the burning of the houses, and the plunder of everything movable. Its whole aspect is a comment on the ethics of the general order issued by the United States on the 24th April, 1863, comprising "instructions for the government of armies of the United States in the field," and of which the following is an example:

"Military necessity admits of all direct destruction of life or limb of *armed enemies*, and of other persons whose destruction is incidentally *unavoidable* in the armed contests of the war; it allows of the capturing of every armed enemy, and of every enemy of importance to the hostile government, or of peculiar danger to the captor; it allows of all destruction of property, and obstructions of the ways and channels of traffic, travel, or communication, and of all withholding of sustenance or means of life from the enemy; of the appropriation of whatever an enemy's country affords necessary for the subsistence and safety of the army, and of such deception as does not involve the breaking of good faith, either positively pledged regarding agreements entered into during the war, or supposed by the modern law of war to exist. Men who take up arms against one another in public war do not cease on this account to be moral beings, responsible to one another and to God."

The striking contrast to these teachings and practices presented by our Army when invading Pennsylvania illustrates the moral character of our people. Though their forbearance may have been unmerited and unappreciated by the enemy, it was imposed by their own self-respect, which forbade their degenerating from Christian warriors into plundering ruffians, assailing the property, lives, and honor of helpless noncombatants. If their conduct, when thus contrasted with the inhuman practices of our foe, fail to command the respect and sympathy of civilized nations in our day, it can not fail to be recognized by their less-deceived posterity.

The hope last year entertained of an early termination of the war has not been realized. Could carnage have satisfied the appetite of our enemy for the destruction of human life, or grief have appeased their wanton desire to inflict human suffering, there has been bloodshed enough on both sides, and two lands have been sufficiently darkened by the weeds of mourning to induce a disposition for peace.

If unanimity in a people could dispel delusion, it has been displayed too unmistakably not to have silenced the pretense that the Southern States were merely disturbed by a factious insurrection, and it must long since have been admitted that they were but exercising their reserved right to modify their own Government in such manner as would best secure their own happiness. But these considerations have been powerless to allay the un-Christian hate of those who, long accustomed to draw large profits from a union with us, can not control the rage excited by the conviction that they have by their own folly destroyed the richest sources of their prosperity. They refuse even to listen to proposals for the only peace possible between us—a peace which, recognizing the impassable gulf which divides us, may leave the two peoples separately to recover from the injuries inflicted on both by the causeless war now waged against us. Having begun the war in direct violation of their Constitution, which forbade the attempt to coerce a State, they have been hardened by crime until they no longer attempt to veil their purpose to destroy the institutions and subvert the sovereignty and independence of these States. We now know that the only reliable hope for peace is in the vigor of our resistance, while the cessation of their hostility is only to be expected from the pressure of their necessities.

The patriotism of the people has proved equal to every sacrifice demanded by their country's need. We have been united as a people never were united under like circumstances before. God has blessed us with success disproportionate to our means, and under His divine favor our labors must at last be crowned with the reward due to men who have given all they possessed to the righteous defense of their inalienable rights, their homes, and their altars.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That it be printed.

On motion by Mr. Orr, that 200 additional copies of the President's message be printed for the use of the Senate,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That so much of the President's message as relates to foreign affairs, together with the accompanying documents in relation thereto, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That so much of the President's message as relates to military affairs, together with the accompanying documents in relation thereto, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That so much of the President's message as relates to the finances, together with the accompanying documents in relation thereto, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That so much of the President's message as relates to naval affairs, together with the accompanying documents in relation thereto, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That so much of the President's message as relates to postal affairs, together with the accompanying documents in relation thereto, be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Clark, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the motion submitted by Mr. Orr to print 200 additional copies of the President's message, for the use of the Senate, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said motion; and in concurrence therewith

Ordered, That 200 additional copies of the President's message be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Orr presented the petition of Mrs. Margaret A. Rice, praying for the passage of an act authorizing the issue of eight per cent Confederate bonds in place of those which she lost by fire; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 144) to change the time for the assembling of Congress for its next regular session; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 145) to provide rations for the officers of the Army during the war; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

The Hon. Allen T. Caperton, from the State of Virginia; the Hon. Clement C. Clay, from the State of Alabama; the Hon. Herschel V. Johnson, from the State of Georgia; the Hon. Augustus E. Maxwell, from the State of Florida, and the Hon. James Phelan, from the State of Mississippi, severally attended.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate the annual report of the Attorney-General.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Orr (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 146) to authorize the creditors of the Government to receive their dues in eight per cent Confederate bonds, and for other purposes;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire if any and what additional legislation is necessary to protect the rights of citizens against the arbitrary, unjust, and needless impressment of provisions, under orders from the Commissary-General; and whether additional efficiency in that department may not be secured by increased energy, industry, and effort, by officials, to make purchases for the subsistence of the Army. And that the committee do further inquire whether additional officers in that department, of the rank of captain, have been recently appointed and assigned to duty in the several States, as district or division commissaries; by whom, and under what law, if any, such appointments have been made.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire whether the construction given by the Secretary of the Treasury to the act supplementary to an act to provide for the funding and further issue of Treasury notes is authorized by said act.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 147) relating to the transfer of skeleton regiments for recruitment across the Mississippi River, and transfer of companies to the regiments of their own States, and to consolidation and disbandment;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 148) relating to exchanged or paroled Confederate prisoners, who may have been, or may hereafter be, captured by the enemy west of the Mississippi River;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of organizing and strengthening the Trans-Mississippi Department by the appointment of an Assistant Secretary of War, with proper quartermaster, commissary, and ordnance or other bureaus, as a means of giving efficiency to the defense of the States and Territories west of the Mississippi River.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of appointing an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, to be ex officio treasurer for the Trans-Mississippi Department, with other proper subordinate bureaus, for the settlement and payment of outstanding accounts, and for other purposes, and whose office and location, and that of his subordinates, shall be in the Trans-Mississippi Department; with a view to the efficiency of the defense of the States and Territories west of the Mississippi River.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 149) to regulate the commencement and sitting of all future sessions of Congress; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Phelan (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 16) in relation to the public printing; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Brown submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the memorials, petitions, resolutions, bills, and reports referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs at the last session, and not finally acted on at that session, be taken from the files of the Senate and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, from the Committee on Finance,

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury be printed.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That 50 additional copies of the said report be printed for the use of the different Departments.

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That the President pro tempore appoint a member on the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Peyton; and

Mr. Clark was appointed.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 150) to limit and define the term of office of the Secretary or principal officer of each of the Executive Departments, established by the several acts entitled "An act to organize the Department of State," "An act to establish the Treasury Department," "An act to establish the War Department," "An act to establish the Navy Department," "An act to establish the Post-Office Department," "An

act to organize and establish an executive department, to be known as the Department of Justice," all of which acts were approved February 21, 1861;

which was read the first and second times and ordered to lie upon the table and be printed.

Mr. Brown submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That in the present condition of the country Congress ought, with the least practicable delay, to enact the following laws:

First. To declare every white male person residing in the Confederate States, and capable of bearing arms, to be in the military service of the country.

Second. To repeal all laws authorizing substitutes or granting exemptions.

Third. To authorize the President to issue his proclamation requiring all male persons, claiming and receiving foreign protection, to make their election, within sixty days, to take up arms or quit the country.

Fourth. To detail from those in the military service such only as are absolutely needed in civil pursuits, having reference in making such details to competency alone.

Fifth. To levy a direct tax of _____ per cent on every kind of property, according to its value in Confederate notes, including the notes themselves.

Sixth. To make Confederate notes a legal tender in payment of debts after the expiration of six months.

Seventh. To prohibit the buying and selling of gold and silver coin, or the notes of banks in the United States, or United States Treasury notes during the war, under heavy penalties; or, in lieu thereof, to prohibit "running the blockade" by individuals, under pain of forfeiture of the goods brought in, and imprisonment during the war.

Eighth. Declare these laws war measures and make those who violate them amenable to the military courts alone.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That the resolution be printed.

Mr. Wigfall submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the subject of the treatment and subsistence of prisoners of war in the hands of the military authorities, and report the result of their investigation to the Senate.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 142) to prevent the enlistment or enrollment of substitutes in the military service of the Confederate States, and to repeal all laws permitting or authorizing the same, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, to amend the bill by striking therefrom the words

and that all laws heretofore passed permitting or allowing persons liable to military service to furnish substitutes for the same, or authorizing the acceptance, enlistment, or enrollment of any such substitute in the military service, be, and the same are hereby, repealed,

It was determined in the negative.

No other amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved by the Senate of the Confederate States of America, That the President be respectfully requested to inform the Senate whether the Quartermaster-General is now discharging the duties of that office, and if not, by whom they are discharged; and whether the person discharging said duties has been appointed to the office of Quartermaster-General, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; whether previously to his entering on the duties of his office he gave a bond, with good and sufficient surety, in the sum directed by the Secretary of War, and the date and amount of said bond; whether the person now discharging the duties of Quartermaster-General was, previously to, and at the time of, his assuming said duties in the military service of the Confederate States, what position he held, and under what law he had been appointed.

Mr. Brown presented the memorial of Z. McDaniel and F. M. Ewing, praying the passage of an act which would entitle them to receive indemnity for the destruction of the Federal gunboat Cairo and her equipments and armament on the Yazoo River on the 12th day of December, 1862; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads,

Ordered, That the report of the Postmaster-General be printed.

On motion by Mr. Oldham, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That 450 additional copies of said report be printed; 150 copies for the use of the Senate and 300 for the use of the Post-Office Department.

Mr. Davis submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be requested, if in his judgment not incompatible with the public interests, to furnish the Senate with copies of the several reports of Major-General Whiting in relation to running the blockade at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Mr. Phelan (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 151) authorizing the issue of certain bonds of the Confederate States, and making the coupons attached to the same a legal tender in the payment of debts; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

Ordered, That it be printed.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, that 100 additional copies of the said bill be printed for the use of the Senate,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

On motion by Mr. Clay, that he be excused from further service on the Committee on Military Affairs,

It was unanimously determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

The Hon. William T. Dortch, from the State of North Carolina, attended.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 152) to organize forces to serve during the war; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Simms (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 153) to amend an act entitled "An act to aid the State of Kentucky, and for other purposes," approved the 29th of January, 1862;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary,

Ordered, That the report of the Attorney-General be printed.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the report of the Superintendent of Public Printing, accompanying the report of the Attorney-General, and that it be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Oldham submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to inquire into the expediency of absolutely prohibiting the contraband trade now being carried on between persons residing in the Confederate States and the United States; of prohibiting the exportation of specie during the continuation of the blockade; and of prohibiting the importation of all goods, wares, and merchandise from foreign countries, except articles of prime necessity, to be enumerated.

On motion by Mr. Clay;

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

The Hon. James M. Baker, from the State of Florida, attended.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate the report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Maxwell (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 154) to prevent speculation, hoarding, and extortion; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Semmes submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be directed to inquire into the expediency of modifying the existing tariff laws so as to require the duties on goods

imported to be assessed and paid on the value thereof, in Confederate currency, at the port or place of importation.

Mr. Semmes submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be directed to inquire into the expediency of regulating foreign trade by a system of licenses, to be issued on such terms and conditions as may secure to the Government the importation of munitions of war and other necessary supplies, thus controlling private enterprise, without, however, depriving it of the stimulus to exertion.

Mr. Brown (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 155) to protect Senators and Representatives in Congress from annoyance when traveling in the Confederate States; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Clark (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 156) to increase the pay of certain officers and employees in the executive and legislative departments; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Orr presented the memorial of Robert Y. Jones, praying compensation for taking the census in 1860 in Abbeville district, South Carolina; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Orr presented the memorial of Julius P. Wright, praying compensation for taking the census in 1860 in Edgefield district, South Carolina; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending existing laws as that assessments, under the tax laws, of produce and property shall conform to the schedule of prices fixed by the commissioners in the respective States under the impressment act.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 16) in relation to the public printing, with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Henry (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 17) in relation to the currency of the Confederate States, and the taxation necessary to redeem it; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Ordered, That the resolution be printed.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., December 11, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering estimates of the sums needed for the public service among the Indian tribes.

I recommend an appropriation of the amount specified for the purpose indicated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *December 9, 1863.*

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of State, covering copies of his correspondence referred to in my message delivered yesterday; and I invite your attention to the reason he gives for withholding them until to-day.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. Mr. Johnson of Georgia (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 157) to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate impressments," approved March 26, 1863; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the joint resolution (S. 16) in relation to the public printing; and

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

Resolved, That the Senate disagree to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the said resolution and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Phelan, Mr. Burnett, and Mr. Hill were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the following subjects:

S. 143. A bill to amend the several acts now in force exempting certain persons from military duty, and for other purposes;

S. 152. A bill to organize forces to serve during the war; and

A resolution inquiring into the expediency of repealing all laws exempting from military service persons who have furnished substitutes in the Army.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of that portion of the resolution submitted by Mr. Orr, on the 9th instant, instructing said committee to make certain inquiries concerning the Commissary Department, which instructs them "to inquire if any and what additional legislation is necessary to protect the rights of citizens against the arbitrary, unjust, and needless impressment of provisions, under the orders from the Commissary-General; and whether additional efficiency in that Department may not be secured by increased energy, industry, and effort, by officials, to make purchases for the subsistence of the Army," and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, and by unanimous consent,
Ordered, That 150 additional copies of said bill be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs,
Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of War be printed.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, and by unanimous consent,
Ordered, That 50 additional copies of said report be printed for the use of the War Department.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 144) to change the time for the assembling of Congress for its next regular session, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned.

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the bill by striking therefrom the words "fourth Monday of February" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "first Monday in May,"

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until Wednesday next.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 149) to regulate the commencement and sitting of all future sessions of Congress, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That the President pro tempore appoint a member on the Committee on Naval Affairs, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Yancey; and

Mr. Jemison was appointed.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, December 11, 1863.

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Attorney-General ad interim I hereby nominate William Dougherty, to be attorney for the district of Georgia.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, Richmond, December 10, 1863.

To the PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend that William Dougherty, esq., of Athens, Ga., be appointed Confederate States attorney for the district of Georgia in the place of John C. Nicoll, esq., deceased.

Your obedient servant,

WADE KEYES,
Attorney-General ad interim.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of William Dougherty, to be attorney for the district of Georgia; and it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *December 8, 1863.*

To the Senate:

I nominate the persons named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 7, 1863.*

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following promotions in the Navy, under the second section of the act of April 21, 1862:

Commander.

First Lieut. John Taylor Wood, of Louisiana, to be promoted for "gallant and meritorious conduct in boarding and capturing with an expedition under his command, on the Rappahannock River on the 23d day of August, 1863, the United States gunboats Satellite and Reliance, mounting two guns each," and to rank from the 23d day of August, 1863.

First lieutenant.

Second Lieut. Francis L. Hoge, of Virginia, to be promoted for "gallant and meritorious conduct in the capture of the United States gunboats Satellite and Reliance, on the Rappahannock River on the 23d day of August, 1863, by the expedition under the command of Lieut. John Taylor Wood," and to rank from the 23d day of August, 1863.

Second lieutenants.

Acting Midshipmen Joseph M. Gardner and Matthew P. Goodwyn, of Virginia, to be promoted for "gallant and meritorious conduct in the capture of the United States gunboats Satellite and Reliance, on the Rappahannock River on the 23d day of August, 1863, by the expedition under the command of Lieut. John Taylor Wood," to rank from the 22d day September, 1863.

I am, with great respect, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *December 8, 1863.*

To the Senate:

I nominate the persons named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 7, 1863.*

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Navy, under the act of May 1, 1863:

Captains.

Commanders William W. Hunter, of Louisiana; Eben. Farrand, of Florida, and John R. Tucker, of Virginia, of the Regular Navy, to rank from the 13th day of May, 1863.

Commander.

First Lieut. George T. Sinclair, of Virginia, to rank from the 14th day of May, 1863.

With great respect, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, December 8, 1863.

To the Senate:

I nominate the person named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, Richmond, December 7, 1863.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Navy, under act of April 30, 1863:

Chief constructor.

Constructor John L. Porter, of Virginia.

With great respect, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, December 8, 1863.

To the Senate:

I nominate the persons named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, Richmond, December 7, 1863.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Navy, under act of Congress approved December 24, 1861:

Lieutenants for the war.

Edward C. Stiles, Missouri; John L. Phillips, Alabama; George H. Arledge, Florida; Maxwell T. Clarke, Virginia; John A. Payne, Alabama; Henry W. Ray, Louisiana; William E. Hudgins, Virginia; John F. Ramsay, England; Lewis R. Hill, Virginia; Edward J. Means, South Carolina; Henry Roberts, Virginia; Richard H. Gayle, Alabama; John Low, Georgia; Arthur Sinclair, jr., Virginia; William W. Roberts, North Carolina, vice Lieut. Thomas Arnold, resigned; Edgar A. Lambert, Virginia, vice Lieut. E. F. Gray, who has not accepted; Otey Bradford, Virginia, vice Lieut. Leon Smith, who has not accepted; Americus V. Wiatt, Virginia, vice Lieut. E. W. Fuller, deceased; Thomas L. Skinner, Virginia, vice Lieut. Marshall Brown, resigned.

Assistant surgeons for the war.

Pike Brown, South Carolina; Henry G. Land, Texas; G. Welborne Claiborne, North Carolina; James M. Hicks, Mississippi; Joel G. King, North Carolina; Daniel E. Ewart, South Carolina; Edward Caire, Louisiana; Jephtha V. Harris, Mississippi; Luther R. Dickinson, Missouri; John B. Rutherford, Mississippi; George A. Foote, North Carolina.

With great respect, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, December 9, 1863.

To the Senate:

I nominate the persons named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, Richmond, December 8, 1863.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following promotions in the Navy:

Masters, in the line of promotion.

Passed Midshipmen Joseph P. Claybrook, Missouri; William P. Mason, Virginia; William F. Robinson, Alabama; David A. Telfair, North Carolina; Daniel Trigg, Virginia; Isaac C. Holcomb, Georgia; William R. Dalton, Mississippi; Algernon S. Worth, Virginia; Robert A. Camm, Virginia; Dabney M. Scales, Mississippi; John T. Walker, South Carolina; Samuel S. Gregory, North Carolina; Richard H. Bacot, South Carolina, and Edward J. McDermett, Texas, to be promoted.

With great respect, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, December 9, 1863.

To the Senate:

I nominate the persons named in the annexed letter of the Secretary of the Navy, agreeably to his recommendation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, Richmond, December 7, 1863.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Navy:

Commander.

First Lieut. William T. Glassell, Alabama, to be promoted for "gallant and meritorious conduct in attempting the destruction of the United States ironclad frigate New Ironsides by torpedo in the harbor of Charleston on the night of the 5th of October, 1863," and to rank from that date.

Chief engineer.

Acting First Asst. Engineer James H. Tomb, of Florida, to be promoted for "gallant and meritorious conduct in the expedition to attempt the destruction of the United States ironclad frigate New Ironsides in the harbor of Charleston on the night of the 5th of October, 1863, under the command of Lieut. W. T. Glassell," and to rank from that date.

With great respect, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, December 12, 1863.

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 8, 1863.*

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

Lieut. Col. F. M. Green, of Mississippi, to be colonel Eleventh Mississippi Regiment, vice Col. P. F. Liddell, died of wounds, to rank from September 25, 1862.

Lieut. Col. J. B. Weems, of Georgia, to be colonel Tenth Georgia Regiment, vice Colonel Cumming, promoted, to rank from October 29, 1862.

Lieut. Col. William Butler, of South Carolina, to be colonel First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), vice Colonel Dunovant, dismissed by court-martial, to rank from November 8, 1862.

Lieut. Col. J. N. Lightfoot, of Alabama, to be colonel Sixth Alabama Regiment, vice Col. J. B. Gordon, promoted, to rank from May 7, 1863.

Lieut. Col. John A. Fite, of Tennessee, to be colonel Seventh Tennessee Regiment, vice Col. J. F. Goodner, resigned, to rank from April 8, 1863.

Lieut. Col. J. W. Caldwell, of Kentucky, to be colonel Ninth Kentucky Regiment, vice Col. T. H. Hunt, resigned, to rank from April 22, 1863.

Lieut. Col. John D. Barry, of North Carolina, to be colonel Eighteenth North Carolina Regiment, vice Col. T. J. Purdie, deceased, to rank from May 3, 1863.

Lieut. Col. D. M. Donnell, of Tennessee, to be colonel Sixteenth Tennessee Regiment, vice Col. J. H. Savage, resigned, to rank from February 20, 1863.

Lieut. Col. E. Goodwin, of Alabama, to be colonel Thirty-fifth Alabama Regiment, vice Col. J. W. Robertson, resigned, to rank from November 12, 1862.

Lieut. Col. Y. M. Moody, of Alabama, to be colonel Forty-third Alabama Regiment, vice Col. A. Gracie, promoted, to rank from November 4, 1862.

Lieut. Col. J. A. Wilson, of Tennessee, to be colonel Twenty-fourth Tennessee Regiment, vice Col. H. L. W. Bratton, deceased, to rank from January 4, 1863.

Lieut. Col. F. E. Harrison, of South Carolina, to be colonel First South Carolina Rifle Regiment, vice Col. J. M. Perrin, died of wounds, to rank from May 5, 1863.

Lieut. Col. James Giles, of Virginia, to be colonel Twenty-ninth Virginia Regiment, vice Col. A. C. Moore, resigned, to rank from April 10, 1863.

Lieut. Col. J. C. Higginbotham, of Virginia, to be colonel Twenty-fifth Virginia Regiment, vice Col. George H. Smith, transferred, to rank from January 28, 1863.

Lieut. Col. C. P. Daniel, of Georgia, to be colonel Fifth Georgia Regiment, vice Col. W. T. Black, killed, to rank from December 31, 1862.

Lieut. Col. William S. Christian, of Virginia, to be colonel Fifty-fifth Virginia Regiment, vice Col. F. Mallory, killed, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Lieut. Col. E. Ball, of Georgia, to be colonel Fifty-first Georgia Regiment, vice Col. W. M. Slaughter, deceased, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Lieut. Col. S. B. Pickens, of Alabama, to be colonel Twelfth Alabama Regiment, vice Col. B. B. Gayle, killed, to rank from September 14, 1862.

Lieut. Col. Jos. H. Hyman, of North Carolina, to be colonel Thirteenth North Carolina Regiment, vice Col. A. M. Scales, promoted, to rank from June 13, 1863.

Lieut. Col. Washington M. Hardy, of North Carolina, to be colonel Sixtieth North Carolina Regiment, vice Col. J. A. McDowell, resigned, to rank from May 14, 1863.

Lieut. Col. H. Hawkins, of Kentucky, to be colonel Fifth Kentucky Regiment, vice Col. A. J. May, resigned, to rank from November 14, 1862.

Lieut. Col. R. H. Keeble, of Tennessee, to be colonel Twenty-third Tennessee Regiment, vice Col. J. F. Neill, appointed on military court, to rank from December 16, 1862.

Lieut. Col. J. F. Pressley, of South Carolina, to be colonel Tenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Col. A. M. Manigault, promoted, to rank from April 26, 1863.

Lieut. Col. J. H. King, of Alabama, to be colonel Ninth Alabama Regiment, vice Col. S. Henry, dropped, to rank from March 19, 1863.

Lieut. Col. G. T. Maxwell, of Florida, to be colonel First Florida Cavalry Regiment, vice Col. W. G. M. Davis, promoted, to rank from November 4, 1862.

Lieut. Col. S. T. Player, of Georgia, to be colonel Forty-ninth Georgia Regiment, vice Col. J. Rivers, resigned, to rank from June 9, 1863.

Lieut. Col. R. W. Carter, of Virginia, to be colonel First Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Col. J. H. Drake, killed, to rank from July 16, 1863.

Lieut. Col. B. T. Brockman, of South Carolina, to be colonel Thirteenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Col. O. E. Edwards, deceased, to rank from June 21, 1863.

Lieut. Col. F. G. Skinner, of Virginia, to be colonel First Virginia Regiment, vice Col. L. B. Williams, killed, to rank from July 3, 1863.

Lieut. Col. William White, of Virginia, to be colonel Fourteenth Virginia Regiment, vice Col. J. G. Hodges, killed, to rank from July 3, 1863.

Lieut. Col. J. J. Phillips, of Virginia, to be colonel Ninth Virginia Regiment, vice Col. J. C. Owens, died of wounds, to rank from July 4, 1863.

Lieut. Col. Norvell Cobb, of Virginia, to be colonel Forty-fourth Virginia Regiment, vice Col. A. C. Jones, resigned, to rank from June 16, 1863.

Lieut. Col. S. Z. Ruff, of Georgia, to be colonel Eighteenth Georgia Regiment, vice Col. W. T. Wofford, promoted, to rank from January 17, 1863.

Lieut. Col. O. S. Holland, of Mississippi, to be colonel Thirty-seventh Mississippi Regiment, vice Col. R. McLain, killed, to rank from October 4, 1862.

Lieut. Col. Y. L. Royston, of Alabama, to be colonel Eighth Alabama Regiment, vice Col. J. A. Winston, resigned, to rank from June 16, 1862.

Lieut. Col. J. A. Gilmer, jr., of North Carolina, to be colonel Twenty-seventh North Carolina Regiment, vice Col. R. W. Singletary, resigned, to rank from December 5, 1862.

Lieut. Col. C. R. Earp, of Texas, to be colonel Tenth Texas Cavalry Regiment, vice Col. M. F. Locke, resigned, to rank from March 20, 1863.

Lieut. Col. R. G. Earle, of Alabama, to be colonel Second Alabama Cavalry Regiment, vice Col. J. Cunningham, resigned, to rank from May 27, 1863.

Lieut. Col. W. B. Creasman, of North Carolina, to be colonel Twenty-ninth North Carolina Regiment, vice Col. R. B. Vance, promoted, to rank from March 16, 1863.

Lieut. Col. F. H. Board, of Virginia, to be colonel Fifty-eighth Virginia Regiment, vice Col. S. H. Letcher, resigned, to rank from October 30, 1862.

Lieut. Col. W. G. Robinson, of North Carolina, to be colonel Nineteenth North Carolina Regiment, vice Col. S. Williams, killed, to rank from July 23, 1863.

Lieut. Col. George A. Smith, of Georgia, to be colonel First Confederate Regiment, vice Col. J. B. Villepigue, promoted, to rank from November 25, 1862.

Lieut. Col. W. N. Brown, of Mississippi, to be colonel Twentieth Mississippi Regiment, vice Col. D. R. Russell, resigned, to rank from August 8, 1863.

Lieut. Col. J. I. Scales, of Mississippi, to be colonel Thirtieth Mississippi Regiment, vice Col. G. F. Neill, resigned, to rank from June 6, 1863.

Lieut. Col. A. J. Kellar, of Tennessee, to be colonel Fourth Tennessee Regiment, vice Col. O. F. Strahl, promoted, to rank from July 28, 1863.

Lieut. Col. A. H. Helvenston, of Alabama, to be colonel Sixteenth Alabama Regiment, vice Col. W. B. Wood, resigned, to rank from June 17, 1863.

Lieut. Col. S. H. Boyd, of North Carolina, to be colonel Forty-fifth North Carolina Regiment, vice Col. J. H. Morehead, deceased, to rank from June 25, 1863.

Lieut. Col. P. McGlashan, of Georgia, to be colonel Fiftieth Georgia Regiment, vice Col. W. R. Manning, resigned, to rank from July 31, 1863.

Lieut. Col. O. R. Funsten, of Virginia, to be colonel Eleventh Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Col. L. L. Lonax, promoted, to rank from July 23, 1863.

Lieut. Col. C. Forsyth, of Alabama, to be colonel Third Alabama Regiment, vice Col. C. A. Battle, promoted, to rank from August 20, 1863.

Lieut. Col. L. G. Pyles, of Florida, to be colonel Second Florida Regiment, vice Col. E. A. Perry, promoted, to rank from August 28, 1862.

Lieut. Col. J. A. Campbell, of Mississippi, to be colonel Twenty-seventh Mississippi Regiment, vice Col. T. M. Jones, resigned, to rank from March 26, 1863.

Lieut. Col. R. H. Dungan, of Virginia, to be colonel Forty-eighth Virginia Regiment, vice Col. T. S. Garnett, died of wounds, to rank from May 3, 1863.

Lieut. Col. J. H. Neal, of Georgia, to be colonel Nineteenth Georgia Regiment, vice Col. A. J. Hutchins, resigned, to rank from August 20, 1863.

Lieut. Col. J. H. Higley, of Alabama, to be colonel Fortieth Alabama Regiment, vice Col. A. A. Coleman, resigned, to rank from April 30, 1863.

Lieut. Col. Jos. N. Brown, of South Carolina, to be colonel Fourteenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Col. A. Perrin, promoted, to rank from September 10, 1863.

Lieut. Col. A. Forsberg, of Virginia, to be colonel Fifty-first Virginia Regiment, vice Col. G. C. Wharton, promoted, to rank from July 8, 1863.

Lieut. Col. P. P. Slaughter, of Virginia, to be colonel Fifty-sixth Virginia Regiment, vice Col. W. D. Stuart, died of wounds, to rank from July 30, 1863.

Lieut. Col. S. D. Russell, of Louisiana, to be colonel Third Louisiana Regiment, vice Col. J. B. Gilmore, resigned, to rank from August 22, 1863.

Capt. P. C. Flournoy, of Missouri, to be colonel Second Missouri Regiment, vice Col. F. M. Cockrell, promoted, Lieut. Col. P. S. Senteny, deceased, and Maj. T. M. Carter waiving his claims to the colonelcy, to rank from July 20, 1863.

Lieut. Col. J. R. White, of Tennessee, to be colonel Fifty-third Tennessee Regiment, vice Col. W. H. Wilkes, resigned, to rank from February 25, 1863.

Lieut. Col. K. McElroy, of Mississippi, to be colonel Thirteenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Col. J. W. Carter, killed, to rank from July 3, 1863.

Lieut. Col. James H. Skinner, of Virginia, to be colonel Fifty-second Virginia Regiment, vice Col. M. G. Harman, resigned, to rank from June 6, 1863.

Lieut. Col. T. J. Lipscomb, of South Carolina, to be colonel Second South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, vice Col. M. C. Butler, promoted, to rank from September 1, 1863.

Lieut. Col. James B. Terrill, of Virginia, to be colonel Thirteenth Virginia Regiment, vice Col. James A. Walker, promoted, to rank from May 15, 1863.

Lieut. Col. William Watts, of Virginia, to be colonel Twenty-eighth Virginia Regiment, vice Col. R. C. Allen, killed, to rank from July 3, 1863.

Lieut. Col. J. C. Gibson, of Virginia, to be colonel Forty-ninth Virginia Regiment, vice Col. William Smith, promoted, to rank from January 31, 1863.

Lieut. Col. George D. Johnston, of Alabama, to be colonel Twenty-fifth Alabama Regiment, vice Col. J. Q. Loomis, resigned, to rank from September 14, 1863.

Lieut. Col. James Barr, of Mississippi, to be colonel Tenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Col. R. A. Smith, deceased, to rank from March 10, 1863.

Lieut. Col. V. H. Taliaferro, of North Carolina, to be colonel Seventh Confederate Cavalry Regiment, vice Col. W. C. Claiborne, resigned, to rank from September 12, 1863.

Lieut. Col. J. A. Williamson, of Arkansas, to be colonel Second Arkansas Cavalry Regiment, vice Colonel Flanagan, resigned, to rank from November 8, 1862.

Lieut. Col. W. H. Peebles, of Georgia, to be colonel Forty-fourth Georgia Regiment, vice Col. S. P. Lumpkin, died of wounds, to rank from September 11, 1863.

Lieut. Col. J. L. Miller, of South Carolina, to be colonel Twelfth South Carolina Regiment, vice Col. C. Jones, resigned, to rank from February 27, 1863.

Lieut. Col. I. N. Hulme, of Tennessee, to be colonel Forty-second Tennessee Regiment, vice Col. W. A. Quarles, promoted, to rank from August 25, 1863.

Lieut. Col. G. J. Wright, of Georgia, to be colonel Cobb's (Georgia) Legion, vice Col. P. M. B. Young, promoted, to rank from October 9, 1863.

Lieut. Col. W. L. Duckworth, of Tennessee, to be colonel Seventh Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, vice Col. J. G. Stocks, resigned, to rank from October 8, 1863.

Lieut. Col. J. E. Murray, of Arkansas, to be colonel Fifth Arkansas Regiment, vice Col. L. Featherston, killed, to rank from September 19, 1863.

Lieut. Col. N. Berkeley, of Virginia, to be colonel Eighth Virginia Regiment, vice Col. Eppa Hunton, promoted, to rank from August 9, 1863.

Lieut. Col. John C. Marrast, of Alabama, to be colonel Twenty-second Alabama Regiment, vice Col. Z. C. Deas, promoted, to rank from November 13, 1862.

Lieut. Col. I. N. Hedgpeth, of Missouri, to be colonel Sixth Missouri Regiment, vice Col. E. Erwin, killed, to rank from June 25, 1863.

Lieut. Col. J. M. Dedman, of Alabama, to be colonel Twentieth Alabama Regiment, vice Col. E. W. Pettus, promoted, to rank from September 18, 1863.

Lieut. Col. D. H. Reynolds, of Arkansas, to be colonel First Arkansas Cavalry Regiment, vice Col. R. W. Harper, killed, to rank from September 20, 1863.

Lieut. Col. R. A. Owens, of Tennessee, to be colonel Forty-sixth Tennessee Regiment, vice Col. J. S. Dawson, dropped, to rank from October 21, 1863.

Lieut. Col. H. D. Lampley, of Alabama, to be colonel Forty-fifth Alabama Regiment, vice Col. E. B. Breedlove, resigned, to rank from October 28, 1863.

Lieut. Col. W. H. H. Tison, of Mississippi, to be colonel Thirty-second Mississippi Regiment, vice Col. M. P. Lowrey, promoted, to rank from October 4, 1863.

Maj. J. M. Hughs, of Tennessee, to be colonel Twenty-fifth Tennessee Regiment, the lieutenant-colonel found incompetent for promotion, to rank from July 21, 1862.

Lieut. Col. R. C. Wood, of Mississippi, to be colonel Wirt Adams' Cavalry, vice Col. Wirt Adams, promoted, to rank from September 25, 1863.

Lieut. Col. N. N. Davis, of Alabama, to be colonel Twenty-fourth Alabama Regiment, vice Col. William A. Buck, resigned, to rank from June 2, 1863.

Lieut. Col. W. F. Young, of Tennessee, to be colonel Forty-ninth Tennessee Regiment, vice Col. D. A. Lynn, resigned, to rank from August 26, 1863.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. W. B. Lowry, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Eleventh Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. F. M. Green, promoted, to rank from September 25, 1862.

Maj. T. B. Massie, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twelfth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. Richard H. Burks, resigned, to rank from March 2, 1863.

Maj. S. S. Ives, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-fifth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. E. Goodwin, promoted, to rank from November 12, 1862.

Maj. George T. Gordon, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-fourth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. L. McDowell, dismissed, to rank from May 6, 1863.

Maj. J. C. Wickliffe, of Kentucky, to be lieutenant-colonel Ninth Kentucky Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. W. Caldwell, promoted, to rank from April 22, 1863.

Maj. E. Hufstедler, of Arkansas, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-fifth Arkansas Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. T. S. Simington, promoted, to rank from November 10, 1862.

Maj. S. G. Shepard, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Seventh Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. A. Fite, promoted, to rank from April 8, 1863.

Maj. S. E. Shannon, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-fourth Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. A. Wilson, promoted, to rank from January 4, 1863.

Maj. G. McD. Miller, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel First South Carolina Rifle Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. F. E. Harrison, promoted, to rank from May 5, 1863.

Maj. J. J. Jolly, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-third Alabama Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. Y. M. Moody, promoted, to rank from December 16, 1862.

Maj. John F. Iverson, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. C. P. Daniel, promoted, to rank from December 31, 1862.

Maj. G. W. Hooper, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. A. M. Gordon, killed, to rank from May 7, 1863.

Maj. Evan Rice, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifty-fifth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. W. S. Christian, promoted, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Maj. J. W. McGill, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Eighteenth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. F. George, resigned, to rank from May 3, 1863.

Maj. O. P. Anthony, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifty-first Georgia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. E. Ball, promoted, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Maj. R. F. Crittenden, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-third Alabama Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. D. H. Horn, resigned, to rank from August 19, 1862.

Maj. R. P. Lester, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fourteenth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. M. Fielder, deceased, to rank from May 10, 1863.

Maj. H. A. Rogers, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirteenth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. H. Hyman, promoted, to rank from June 13, 1863.

Maj. W. L. Mitchell, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-second North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. C. C. Cole, killed, to rank from May 3, 1863.

Maj. James M. Ray, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixtieth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. W. H. Deaver, resigned, to rank from May 14, 1863.

Maj. W. G. Rice, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Third South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel James, killed, to rank from September 14, 1862.

Maj. W. L. Saunders, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-sixth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. W. A. Jenkins, resigned, to rank from January 21, 1863.

Maj. H. Ready, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-third Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. R. H. Keeble, promoted, to rank from December 16, 1862.

Maj. J. T. Porcher, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Tenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. F. Pressley, promoted, to rank from April 26, 1863.

Maj. W. T. Stockton, of Florida, to be lieutenant-colonel First Florida Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. G. T. Maxwell, promoted, to rank from November 4, 1862.

Maj. G. C. Smith, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Ninth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. E. A. O'Neal, promoted, to rank from March 19, 1863.

Maj. John A. Jacoway, of Arkansas, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-first Arkansas Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. F. Johnson, dropped, to rank from March 8, 1863.

Maj. W. A. Morgan, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel First Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. R. W. Carter, promoted, to rank from July 16, 1863.

Maj. Isaac F. Hunt, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirteenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. B. T. Brockman, promoted, to rank from June 21, 1863.

Capt. Z. L. Watters, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Eighth Georgia Battalion, vice Lieut. Col. J. T. Reid, died, and Major Hunt, declined, to rank from November 23, 1863.

Maj. Isaac Hardeman, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twelfth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. M. H. Blanford, resigned, to rank from June 9, 1863.

Maj. W. W. Rich, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Cavalry Battalion, Phillips Legion, vice Lieut. Col. Seaborn Jones, resigned, to rank from July 9, 1862.

Maj. William H. Willis, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fourth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. David R. E. Winn, killed, to rank from July 1, 1863.

Maj. T. M. Baker, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel First South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. C. Simkins, killed, to rank from July 18, 1863.

Maj. T. J. Hardin, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Nineteenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. W. G. Vaughan, resigned, to rank from July 17, 1863.

Maj. William P. Moseley, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-first Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. B. Moseley, resigned, to rank from June 10, 1863.

Maj. Thomas R. Buckner, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-fourth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. A. C. Jones, resigned, to rank from June 16, 1863.

Maj. F. H. Langley, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel First Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. F. G. Skinner, promoted, to rank from July 3, 1863.

Maj. H. A. Herbert, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Eighth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. Y. L. Royston, promoted, to rank from June 16, 1862.

Maj. John P. West, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Second Alabama Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. James Cunningham, resigned, to rank from May 27, 1863.

Maj. George F. Whitfield, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-seventh North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. R. W. Singletary, resigned, to rank from December 5, 1862.

Maj. Samuel J. Winn, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixteenth Georgia Battalion, Partisan Rangers, vice Lieut. Col. F. M. Nix, resigned, to rank from June 11, 1863.

Maj. D. N. Moody, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-first Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. W. L. Brandon, promoted, to rank from August 12, 1863.

Maj. R. D. Lilley, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-fifth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. A. Robinson, resigned, to rank from August 20, 1863.

Maj. John G. Kasey, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifty-eighth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. F. H. Board, promoted, to rank from October 30, 1862.

Maj. James M. Williams, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-first Alabama Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. C. S. Stewart, killed, to rank from April 30, 1863.

Maj. Benjamin Morris, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-ninth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. F. Conoley, promoted, to rank from December 9, 1862.

Maj. G. F. Baucum, of Arkansas, to be lieutenant-colonel Eighth Arkansas Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Wilson, cashiered, to rank from December 22, 1862.

Maj. Luke W. Finlay, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Fourth Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. A. J. Kellar, promoted, to rank from July 28, 1863.

Maj. J. H. McGaughy, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixteenth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. A. H. Helvenston, promoted, to rank from June 17, 1863.

Maj. W. A. Rorer, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Twentieth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. W. N. Brown, promoted, to rank from August 8, 1863.

Maj. John R. Winston, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-fifth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. S. H. Boyd, promoted, to rank from June 25, 1863.

Maj. W. O. Fleming, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fiftieth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. P. McGlashan, promoted, to rank from July 31, 1863.

Maj. O. H. Cooke, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-ninth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. S. T. Player, promoted, to rank from July 28, 1863.

Maj. M. D. Ball, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Eleventh Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. O. R. Funsten, promoted, to rank from July 23, 1863.

Maj. R. M. Sands, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Third Alabama Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. C. Forsyth, promoted, to rank from August 20, 1863.

Maj. Robert A. Caskie, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Tenth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. Z. S. McGruder, resigned, to rank from September 11, 1863.

Maj. D. H. Lee Martz, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Tenth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. Samuel T. Walker, killed, to rank from May 3, 1863.

Maj. John T. Jones, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-sixth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. R. Lane, promoted, to rank from July 3, 1863.

Maj. F. A. Reynolds, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-ninth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. H. H. Davidson, resigned, to rank from December 29, 1862.

Maj. John D. Weeden, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-ninth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. W. N. Crump, resigned, to rank from February 27, 1863.

Maj. Oscar White, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-eighth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. R. H. Dungan, promoted, to rank from May 3, 1863.

Maj. Charles L. Haynes, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-seventh Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. D. M. Shriver, resigned, to rank from September 4, 1863.

Maj. Edward Croft, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Fourteenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. N. Brown, promoted, to rank from September 10, 1863.

Capt. J. B. McRae, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Third Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. E. A. Peyton, resigned, and Major Dyer declining examination, to rank from August 17, 1863.

Maj. John P. Wolfe, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifty-first Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. A. Forsberg, promoted, to rank from July 8, 1863.

Maj. John T. Kennedy, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixty-second Georgia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. R. Towns, resigned, to rank from July 24, 1863.

Maj. T. O. Stone, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Fortieth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. H. Higley, promoted, to rank from April 30, 1863.

Maj. David Pierson, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel Third Louisiana Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. S. D. Russell, promoted, to rank from August 22, 1863.

Maj. H. L. Andrews, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Second North Carolina Battalion, vice Lieut. Col. C. E. Shober, resigned, to rank from June 6, 1863.

Maj. D. G. Coward, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-second North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. W. T. Williams, resigned, to rank from June 18, 1863.

Maj. J. S. K. McCutchen, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-first Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. A. H. Jackson, deceased, to rank from August 1, 1863.

Maj. W. W. Sillers, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirtieth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. T. Kell, resigned, to rank from September 3, 1863.

Maj. Thomas M. Carter, of Missouri, to be lieutenant-colonel Second Missouri Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. P. S. Senteny, deceased, to rank from July 20, 1863.

Maj. James W. Moss, of Kentucky, to be lieutenant-colonel Second Kentucky Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. James W. Hewitt, killed, to rank from September 20, 1863.

Maj. William L. Wingfield, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-eighth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. W. Watts, promoted, to rank from July 3, 1863.

Maj. J. D. H. Ross, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifty-second Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. James H. Skinner, promoted, to rank from June 6, 1863.

Maj. Gus. A. Goodman, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirteenth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. James B. Terrill, promoted, to rank from May 15, 1863.

Maj. Charles B. Christian, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-ninth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. C. Gibson, promoted, to rank from January 31, 1863.

Maj. J. P. Bane, of Texas, to be lieutenant-colonel Fourth Texas Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. B. F. Carter, died of wounds, to rank from July 21, 1863.

Maj. Joseph R. Cabell, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-eighth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. P. B. Whittle, promoted, to rank from July 21, 1863.

Maj. A. G. O'Brien, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirteenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. M. Bradley, deceased, to rank from July 29, 1863.

Maj. T. D. Claiborne, of ———, to be lieutenant-colonel Seventh Confederate Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. V. H. Taliaferro, promoted, to rank from September 12, 1863.

Maj. James T. Smith, of Arkansas, to be lieutenant-colonel Second Arkansas Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Williamson, promoted, to rank from November 8, 1862.

Maj. James W. Beck, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-fourth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. W. H. Peebles, promoted, to rank from September 11, 1863.

Maj. L. McCollum, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-second Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. I. N. Hulme, promoted, to rank from August 25, 1863.

Maj. B. S. King, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Cobb's (Georgia) Legion, vice Lieut. Col. W. G. Delony, deceased, to rank from October 9, 1863.

Maj. P. V. Green, of Arkansas, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifth Arkansas Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. E. Murray, promoted, to rank from September 19, 1863.

Maj. Charles Guillet, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel Twentieth Louisiana Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. L. von Zinken, promoted, to rank from July 7, 1863.

Maj. Edmund Berkeley, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Eighth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. N. Berkeley, promoted, to rank from August 9, 1863.

Maj. Charles S. Peyton, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Nineteenth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. John T. Ellis, killed, to rank from July 3, 1863.

Maj. W. E. Green, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifty-sixth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. P. P. Slaughter, promoted, to rank from July 30, 1863.

Maj. B. K. Hart, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-second Alabama Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. John Weedon, promoted, to rank from September 20, 1863.

Maj. J. K. McDowell, of Missouri, to be lieutenant-colonel Third Missouri Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. F. L. Hubbell, died of wounds, to rank from May 28, 1863.

Maj. Stephen Cooper, of Missouri, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixth Missouri Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. I. N. Hedgpeth, promoted, to rank from June 25, 1863.

Maj. M. T. Porter, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Twentieth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. James M. Dedman, promoted, to rank from September 18, 1863.

Maj. W. C. Clifton, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-ninth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. W. Clark, promoted, to rank from October 12, 1863.

Maj. James M. Johnson, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirtieth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. H. A. Reynolds, deceased, to rank from September 22, 1863.

Maj. L. M. Ramsaur, of Arkansas, to be lieutenant-colonel First Arkansas Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. D. H. Reynolds, promoted, to rank from September 20, 1863.

Maj. J. D. Wilson, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-sixth Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. R. A. Owens, promoted, to rank from October 21, 1863.

Maj. E. H. Bacon, jr., of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-second Georgia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. W. H. Pruden, resigned, to rank from October 20, 1863.

Maj. P. F. Hunley, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Eighteenth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. R. F. Inge, died of wounds, to rank from September 23, 1863.

Maj. R. H. Abercrombie, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-fifth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. H. D. Lampley, promoted, to rank from October 28, 1863.

Maj. S. Jones, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-second Louisiana Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Lovell, resigned, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Maj. Ben. F. Sawyer, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-fourth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. N. N. Davis, promoted, to rank from June 2, 1863.

Maj. T. W. Flynt, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Nineteenth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. H. Neal, promoted, to rank from June 2, 1863.

Maj. J. B. Cording, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-ninth Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. W. A. Shaw, cashiered, to rank from October 7, 1863.

Maj. John B. Herring, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. W. L. Sykes, killed, to rank from November 10, 1863.

Maj. James Nelligan, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel First Louisiana Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. M. Nolan, killed, to rank from July 3, 1863.

Majors.

Capt. W. S. Basinger, of Georgia, to be major Eighteenth Georgia Battalion, vice Maj. John Screven, transferred, to rank from May 10, 1863.

Capt. R. O. Reynolds, of Mississippi, to be major Eleventh Mississippi Regiment, vice Maj. W. B. Lowry, promoted, to rank from September 25, 1862.

Capt. J. W. Carter, of Georgia, to be major Forty-fifth Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. M. R. Rogers, resigned, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Capt. W. H. Williamson, of Tennessee, to be major Seventh Tennessee Regiment, vice Maj. S. G. Shepard, promoted, to rank from April 8, 1863.

Capt. C. W. Heiskell, of Tennessee, to be major Nineteenth Tennessee Regiment, vice Maj. R. F. Jarnigan, deceased, to rank from April 14, 1863.

Capt. J. A. Stewart, of Georgia, to be major Eighteenth Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. Jeff. Johnson, resigned, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Capt. R. H. Whiteley, of Georgia, to be major Second Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, vice Maj. J. J. Cox, resigned, to rank from March 26, 1863.

Capt. A. A. Hill, of North Carolina, to be major Forty-eighth North Carolina Regiment, vice Maj. F. L. Wiatt, resigned, to rank from October 20, 1862.

Capt. A. E. Ashford, of Alabama, to be major Thirty-fifth Alabama Regiment, vice Maj. S. S. Ives, promoted, to rank from November 12, 1862.

Capt. John L. Knott, of Virginia, to be major Twelfth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Maj. Thomas B. Massie, promoted, to rank from March 2, 1863.

Capt. L. L. Noles, of Arkansas, to be major Twenty-fifth Arkansas Regiment, vice Maj. J. J. Franklin, resigned, to rank from December 26, 1862.

Capt. W. C. Fielding, of Tennessee, to be major Twenty-fourth Tennessee Regiment, vice Maj. S. E. Shannon, promoted, to rank from January 4, 1863.

Capt. A. McLeomore, of Mississippi, to be major Twenty-seventh Mississippi Regiment, vice Maj. A. J. Jones, promoted, to rank from March 26, 1863.

Capt. C. H. Clarke, of Virginia, to be major Fifteenth Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. E. M. Morrison, to rank from January 24, 1863.

Capt. D. H. Ansley, of Georgia, to be major Fifth Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. John F. Iverson, promoted, to rank from December 31, 1862.

Capt. C. N. Lawson, of Virginia, to be major Fifty-fifth Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. Evan Rice, promoted, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Capt. H. M. Dunwody, of Georgia, to be major Fifty-first Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. O. P. Anthony, promoted, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Capt. Thomas J. Wooten, of North Carolina, to be major Eighteenth North Carolina Regiment, vice Maj. John W. McGill, promoted, to rank from May 3, 1863.

Capt. I. F. Culver, of Alabama, to be major Sixth Alabama Regiment, vice Maj. G. W. Hooper, promoted, to rank from May 7, 1863.

Capt. S. H. McCarver, of Tennessee, to be major Twenty-fifth Tennessee Regiment, vice Maj. W. A. Duncan, resigned, to rank from January 8, 1863.

Capt. J. H. Dunklin, of Alabama, to be major Thirty-third Alabama Regiment, vice Maj. R. F. Crittenden, promoted, to rank from August 19, 1862.

Capt. J. F. Pierce, of Alabama, to be major Twenty-fourth Alabama Regiment, vice Maj. Ben. F. Sawyer, promoted, to rank from June 2, 1863.

Capt. E. B. Withers, of North Carolina, to be major Thirteenth North Carolina Regiment, vice Maj. H. A. Rogers, promoted, to rank from June 13, 1863.

Capt. W. Lee Russell, of North Carolina, to be major Twenty-second North Carolina Regiment, vice Maj. L. Odell, killed, to rank from May 3, 1863.

Capt. D. B. Miller, of South Carolina, to be major Third South Carolina Battalion, vice Maj. G. M. Gunnels, resigned, to rank from April 27, 1863.

Capt. Thomas E. Screven, of South Carolina, to be major Second South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, vice Maj. T. J. Lipscomb, promoted, to rank from June 10, 1863.

Capt. A. Harman, of Virginia, to be major Fifty-fourth Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. J. S. Deyerle, resigned, to rank from April 27, 1863.

Capt. J. G. Lowe, of Tennessee, to be major Twenty-third Tennessee Regiment, vice Maj. H. Ready, promoted, to rank from December 16, 1862.

Capt. John P. Fitzgerald, of Virginia, to be major Twenty-third Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. A. V. Scott, resigned, to rank from June 10, 1863.

Capt. J. M. White, of South Carolina, to be major Sixth South Carolina Regiment, vice Maj. E. C. McLure, appointed enrolling officer, to rank from June 30, 1863.

Capt. A. Proskaner, of Alabama, to be major Twelfth Alabama Regiment, vice Maj. J. C. Goodgame, promoted, to rank from January 14, 1863.

Capt. J. W. Clark, of Arkansas, to be major Thirty-first Arkansas Regiment, vice Maj. J. M. Morgan, deceased, to rank from September 1, 1862.

Capt. James C. Davis, of Tennessee, to be major Seventeenth Tennessee Regiment, vice Maj. A. S. Marks, promoted, to rank from June 24, 1863.

Capt. J. S. Jones, of South Carolina, to be major Twenty-fourth South Carolina Regiment, vice Maj. M. T. Appleby, resigned, to rank from June 11, 1863.

Capt. J. L. White, of South Carolina, to be major Nineteenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Maj. J. A. Crowder, deceased, to rank from February 14, 1863.

Capt. T. W. Thompson, of Kentucky, to be major Fourth Kentucky Regiment, vice Maj. Thomas B. Munroe, killed, to rank from April 7, 1863.

Capt. Edwin A. Nash, of Georgia, to be major Fourth Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. D. R. E. Winn, promoted, to rank from July 1, 1863.

Capt. J. T. Carson, of Georgia, to be major Twelfth Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. I. Hardeman, promoted, to rank from June 9, 1863.

Capt. H. Hendrick, of Georgia, to be major Thirtieth Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. J. S. Boynton, promoted, to rank from December 16, 1862.

Capt. R. De Treville, of South Carolina, to be major First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), vice Maj. T. M. Baker, promoted, to rank from July 18, 1863.

Capt. A. D. Kelly, of Virginia, to be major Twenty-first Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. W. P. Moseley, promoted, to rank from June 10, 1863.

Capt. John P. Emrich, of Alabama, to be major Eighth Alabama Regiment, vice Maj. H. A. Herbert, promoted, to rank from June 16, 1862.

Capt. G. W. Taylor, of Alabama, to be major Fourteenth Alabama Regiment, vice Maj. R. A. McCord, deceased, to rank from May 26, 1863.

Capt. D. W. Anderson, of Virginia, to be major Forty-fourth Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. T. R. Buckner, promoted, to rank from June 16, 1863.

Capt. G. F. Norton, of Virginia, to be major First Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. F. H. Langley, promoted, to rank from July 3, 1863.

Capt. W. G. Pegram, of Mississippi, to be major Thirty-fourth Mississippi Regiment, vice Maj. T. A. Falconer, resigned, to rank from February 28, 1863.

Capt. John N. Carpenter, of Alabama, to be major Second Alabama Cavalry Regiment, vice Maj. John P. West, promoted, to rank from May 27, 1863.

Capt. John Sims, of Mississippi, to be major Twenty-first Mississippi Regiment, vice Maj. D. N. Moody, promoted, to rank from August 12, 1863.

Capt. J. C. Gordon, of ———, to be major First Confederate Regiment, vice Maj. J. W. Aderhold, promoted, to rank from November 25, 1862.

Capt. F. S. Bass, of Texas, to be major First Texas Regiment, vice Maj. Matt. Dale, killed, to rank from September 17, 1862.

Capt. F. H. Wood, of Arkansas, to be major Twenty-fourth Arkansas Regiment, vice Maj. W. R. Hardy, promoted, to rank from December 1, 1862.

Capt. T. McG. Smith, of North Carolina, to be major Forty-fifth North Carolina Regiment, vice Maj. J. R. Winston, promoted, to rank from June 25, 1863.

Capt. James D. Truss, of Alabama, to be major Tenth Alabama Regiment, vice Maj. James E. Shelley, promoted, to rank from July 9, 1863.

Capt. F. A. Ashford, of Alabama, to be major Sixteenth Alabama Regiment, vice Maj. J. H. McGaughy, promoted, to rank from June 17, 1863.

Capt. P. Sheffield, of Georgia, to be major Fiftieth Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. W. O. Fleming, promoted, to rank from July 31, 1863.

Capt. W. H. Chatfield, of Mississippi, to be major Twentieth Mississippi Regiment, vice Maj. W. A. Rorer, promoted, to rank from August 8, 1863.

Capt. H. Hampton, of Tennessee, to be major Fourth Tennessee Regiment, vice Maj. L. W. Finlay, promoted, to rank from June 6, 1863.

Capt. Ben. Desha, of Kentucky, to be major Ninth Kentucky Regiment, vice Maj. J. C. Wickliffe, promoted, to rank from April 22, 1863.

Capt. A. Watkins, of Arkansas, to be major Eighth Arkansas Regiment, vice Maj. G. F. Baucum, promoted, to rank from December 22, 1862.

Capt. E. T. Stackhouse, of South Carolina, to be major Eighth South Carolina Regiment, vice Maj. D. McD. McLeod, deceased, to rank from July 5, 1863.

Capt. John H. Pate, of Georgia, to be major Forty-ninth Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. O. H. Cooke, promoted, to rank from July 28, 1863.

Capt. R. H. Powell, of Alabama, to be major Third Alabama Regiment, vice Maj. R. M. Sands, promoted, to rank from August 20, 1863.

Capt. I. G. Coffman, of Virginia, to be major Tenth Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. D. H. Lee Martz, promoted, to rank from May 3, 1863.

Capt. Thomas A. Street, of Alabama, to be major Forty-ninth Alabama Regiment, vice Maj. John D. Weeden, promoted, to rank from February 27, 1863.

Capt. R. G. Wright, of Alabama, to be major Twenty-seventh Alabama Regiment, vice Maj. E. McAlexander, promoted, to rank from November 2, 1862.

Capt. P. F. Frazer, of Virginia, to be major Twenty-seventh Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. D. M. Shriver, resigned, to rank from September 4, 1863.

Capt. James W. Draughon, of Louisiana, to be major Thirty-first Louisiana Regiment, vice Maj. T. C. Humble, deceased, to rank from January 7, 1863.

Capt. H. H. Harper, of South Carolina, to be major Fourteenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Maj. E. Croft, promoted, to rank from September 10, 1863.

Capt. D. P. Graham, of Virginia, to be major Fifty-first Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. John P. Wolfe, promoted, to rank from July 8, 1863.

Capt. J. S. Richards, of Louisiana, to be major Third Louisiana Regiment, vice Maj. D. Pierson, promoted, to rank from August 22, 1863.

Capt. E. S. Gulley, of Alabama, to be major Fortieth Alabama Regiment, vice Maj. T. O. Stone, promoted, to rank from April 30, 1863.

Capt. Henry G. Lewis, of North Carolina, to be major Thirty-second North Carolina Regiment, vice Maj. D. G. Coward, promoted, to rank from June 18, 1863.

Capt. C. R. Irving, of Virginia, to be major First Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Maj. W. A. Morgan, promoted, to rank from July 16, 1863.

Capt. W. F. Carter, of Missouri, to be major Second Missouri Regiment, vice Maj. T. M. Carter, promoted, to rank from July 20, 1863.

Capt. S. Palmer, of Alabama, to be major Nineteenth Alabama Regiment, vice Maj. J. H. Savage, found incompetent, to rank from September 25, 1863.

Capt. W. S. Haven, of Arkansas, to be major Twentieth Arkansas Regiment, vice Maj. D. W. Jones, promoted, to rank from January 5, 1863.

Capt. Philip Lee, of Kentucky, to be major Second Kentucky Regiment, vice Maj. James W. Moss, promoted, to rank from September 20, 1863.

Capt. H. Bradford, of Florida, to be major First Florida Cavalry Regiment, vice Maj. W. T. Stockton, promoted, to rank from September 7, 1863.

Capt. W. L. Goldsmith, of Georgia, to be major Fourteenth Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. R. P. Lester, promoted, to rank from May 10, 1863.

Capt. M. G. Bass, of Georgia, to be major Fifty-ninth Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. B. H. Gee, promoted, to rank from July 10, 1863.

Capt. M. P. Spessard, of Virginia, to be major Twenty-eighth Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. W. L. Wingfield, promoted, to rank from July 3, 1863.

Capt. T. H. Watkins, of Virginia, to be major Fifty-second Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. J. D. H. Ross, promoted, to rank from June 6, 1863.

Capt. B. L. Dyer, of Tennessee, to be major Thirteenth Tennessee Regiment, vice Maj. P. H. Cole, killed, to rank from December 31, 1862.

Capt. C. T. Crittenden, of Virginia, to be major Thirteenth Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. G. A. Goodman, promoted, to rank from May 15, 1863.

Capt. B. S. Proffitt, of North Carolina, to be major Twenty-ninth North Carolina Regiment, vice Maj. W. B. Creasman, promoted, to rank from March 16, 1863.

Capt. C. M. Winkler, of Texas, to be major Fourth Texas Regiment, vice Maj. J. P. Bane, promoted, to rank from July 21, 1863.

Capt. P. H. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, to be major Twenty-sixth Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. J. L. Garrett, resigned, to rank from October 15, 1863.

Capt. W. B. Clement, of Virginia, to be major Tenth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Maj. R. A. Caskie, promoted, to rank from September 25, 1863.

Capt. G. L. Donald, of Mississippi, to be major Thirteenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Maj. A. G. O'Brien, promoted, to rank from July 29, 1863.

Capt. James P. Eagle, of Arkansas, to be major Second Arkansas Cavalry Regiment, vice Maj. J. T. Smith, promoted, to rank from November 8, 1862.

Capt. J. J. Gooding, of South Carolina, to be major Eleventh South Carolina Regiment, vice Maj. A. C. Izard, promoted, to rank from November 27, 1862.

Capt. Ivey F. Lewis, of Mississippi, to be major Jeff. Davis Legion, vice Maj. W. G. Conner, killed, to rank from July 3, 1863.

Capt. J. C. Holmes, of North Carolina, to be major Thirtieth North Carolina Regiment, vice Maj. W. W. Sillers, promoted, to rank from September 3, 1863.

Capt. John C. Key, of Georgia, to be major Forty-fourth Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. James W. Beck, promoted, to rank from September 11, 1863.

Capt. Benjamin Holmes, of Missouri, to be major Twelfth Missouri Regiment, vice Maj. T. B. Sandford, killed, to rank from July 4, 1863.

Capt. J. R. Hubbard, of Tennessee, to be major Forty-second Tennessee Regiment, vice Maj. L. McCollum, promoted, to rank from August 25, 1863.

Capt. J. D. Howard, of Tennessee, to be major Forty-eighth Tennessee Regiment, vice Maj. A. J. Campbell, deceased, to rank from June 16, 1863.

Capt. E. F. Bookter, of South Carolina, to be major Twelfth South Carolina Regiment, vice Maj. H. C. Davis, promoted, to rank from February 27, 1863.

Capt. E. A. Howell, of Arkansas, to be major Fifth Arkansas Regiment, vice Maj. P. V. Green, promoted, to rank from September 19, 1863.

Capt. W. N. Berkeley, of Virginia, to be major Eighth Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. E. Berkeley, promoted, to rank from August 9, 1863.

Capt. B. Taylor, of Virginia, to be major Nineteenth Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. C. S. Peyton, promoted, to rank from July 3, 1863.

Capt. T. Smith, of Virginia, to be major Fifty-sixth Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. W. E. Green, promoted, to rank from July 30, 1863.

Capt. H. T. Toulmin, of Alabama, to be major Twenty-second Alabama Regiment, vice Maj. Benjamin R. Hart, promoted, to rank from September 20, 1863.

Capt. R. J. Williams, of Missouri, to be major Third Missouri Regiment, vice Maj. J. K. McDowell, promoted, to rank from May 28, 1863.

Capt. J. Duncan, of Missouri, to be major Sixth Missouri Regiment, vice Maj. S. Cooper, promoted, to rank from June 25, 1863.

Capt. R. N. Hull, of Georgia, to be major Sixty-sixth Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. J. F. Andrews, declined, to rank from October 8, 1863.

Capt. J. H. Sikes, of ———, to be major Seventh Confederate Regiment, vice Maj. T. D. Claiborne, promoted, to rank from September 12, 1863.

Capt. M. R. Hall, of Georgia, to be major Forty-eighth Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. J. R. Whitehead, resigned, to rank from July 17, 1863.

Capt. D. H. Smith, of Alabama, to be major Thirty-ninth Alabama Regiment, vice Maj. W. C. Clifton, promoted, to rank from October 12, 1863.

Capt. W. T. Holland, of Georgia, to be major Thirty-second Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. E. H. Bacon, promoted, to rank from October 20, 1863.

Capt. G. S. Laswell, of Arkansas, to be major First Arkansas Cavalry Regiment, vice Maj. L. M. Ramsaur, promoted, to rank from September 20, 1863.

Capt. S. C. Cooper, of Tennessee, to be major Forty-sixth Tennessee Regiment, vice Maj. J. D. Wilson, promoted, to rank from October 21, 1863.

Capt. William Lester, of South Carolina, to be major Thirteenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Maj. J. L. Wofford, resigned, to rank from November 4, 1863.

Capt. F. L. Twitty, of North Carolina, to be major Thirty-fourth North Carolina Regiment, vice Maj. G. M. Clark, killed, to rank from July 1, 1863.

Capt. R. Randolph, of Virginia, to be major Fourth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Maj. R. E. Utterback, resigned, to rank from September 4, 1863.

Capt. R. W. Phipps, of Mississippi, to be major Nineteenth Mississippi Regiment, vice Maj. T. J. Hardin, promoted, to rank from October 8, 1863.

Capt. W. F. Slaton, of Alabama, to be major Thirty-seventh Alabama Regiment, vice Maj. J. P. W. Amerine, promoted, to rank from September 1, 1862.

Capt. J. A. Lash, of Florida, to be major Fourth Florida Regiment, vice Maj. J. T. Lesley, promoted, to rank from March 16, 1863.

Capt. S. Ruffin, of Alabama, to be major Eighteenth Alabama Regiment, vice Maj. P. F. Hunley, promoted, to rank from September 23, 1863.

Capt. W. J. Hearin, of Alabama, to be major Thirty-eighth Alabama Regiment, vice Maj. O. S. Jewett, killed, to rank from September 20, 1863.

Capt. G. C. Freeman, of Alabama, to be major Forty-fifth Alabama Regiment, vice Maj. R. H. Abercrombie, promoted, to rank from October 28, 1863.

Capt. E. H. McDonald, of Virginia, to be major Eleventh Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Maj. M. D. Ball, promoted, to rank from July 23, 1863.

Capt. W. Marks, of Louisiana, to be major Twenty-second Louisiana Regiment, vice Maj. S. Jones, promoted, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Capt. William Straton, of Virginia, to be major Thirty-fourth Virginia Battalion, vice Maj. V. A. Witcher, promoted, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Capt. G. M. Ferneyhough, of Virginia, to be major Thirty-fifth Virginia Battalion, vice Maj. E. V. White, promoted, to rank from February 4, 1863.

Capt. L. J. Bossieux, of Virginia, to be major Twenty-fifth Virginia Battalion, vice Maj. W. M. Elliott, promoted, to rank from July 25, 1863.

Capt. C. H. Ford, of Virginia, to be major First Virginia Battalion, Troops Local Defense, vice Maj. W. S. Downer, declined, to rank from August 6, 1863.

Capt. R. C. Smith, of Maryland, to be major First Maryland Battalion Cavalry, vice Maj. Ridgely Brown, promoted, to rank from August 20, 1863.

Capt. C. W. Mabry, of Georgia, to be major Nineteenth Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. J. W. Hooper, resigned, to rank from June 23, 1863.

Capt. C. E. Cormier, of Louisiana, to be major First Louisiana Regiment, vice Maj. J. Nelligan, promoted, to rank from July 3, 1863.

Capt. W. P. Cooper, of Virginia, to be major Thirty-first Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. J. S. K. McCutchen, promoted, to rank from August 1, 1863.

Captains.

First Lieut. F. D. Blake, of South Carolina, to be captain, First South Carolina Artillery Regiment, vice Capt. W. C. Preston, appointed major of artillery, Provisional Army Confederate States, to rank from April 2, 1863.

First Lieut. H. R. Lesesne, of South Carolina, to be captain, First South Carolina Artillery Regiment, vice Capt. J. A. Sitgreaves, resigned, to rank from June 5, 1863.

First Lieut. A. S. Gaillard, of South Carolina, to be captain, First South Carolina Artillery Regiment, vice Capt. H. S. Farley, resigned, to rank from June 22, 1863.

First Lieut. H. D. Twyman, of Georgia, to be captain Company A, First Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, vice Capt. A. Shaaff, promoted, to rank from January 20, 1863.

First lieutenants.

Second Lieut. W. H. Johnson, of South Carolina, to be first lieutenant, First South Carolina Artillery Regiment, vice Lieut. J. C. Clemson, resigned, to rank from May 28, 1863.

Second Lieut. E. S. Fickling, of South Carolina, to be first lieutenant, First South Carolina Artillery Regiment, vice Lieut. H. R. Lesesne, promoted, to rank from June 5, 1863.

Second Lieut. Iredell Jones, of South Carolina, to be first lieutenant, First South Carolina Artillery Regiment, vice Lieut. A. S. Gaillard, promoted, to rank from June 22, 1863.

Second Lieut. J. D. Anthony, of Georgia, to be first lieutenant, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), vice Lieut. E. P. Bowdre, promoted, to rank from October 3, 1862.

Second Lieut. J. R. Du Bose, of Georgia, to be first lieutenant, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), vice Lieut. John Howard, promoted, to rank from August 31, 1862.

Second Lieut. W. A. Williams, of Georgia, to be first lieutenant, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), vice Lieut. G. W. Anderson, promoted, to rank from May 21, 1862.

Second Lieut. T. P. B. Ryan, of Louisiana, to be first lieutenant, First Louisiana Artillery Regiment, vice Lieut. J. H. Stith, deceased, to rank from December 31, 1862.

Second Lieut. R. Bruce, of Louisiana, to be first lieutenant, First Louisiana Artillery Regiment, vice Lieutenant —, to rank from January 1, 1863.

Second Lieut. O. La Borde, of South Carolina, to be first lieutenant, First South Carolina Artillery Regiment, vice Lieut. J. S. Bee, deceased, to rank from July 18, 1863.

Second Lieut. J. S. Heyward, of South Carolina, to be first lieutenant, First South Carolina Artillery Regiment, vice Lieut. E. P. Ravenel, deceased, to rank from July 24, 1863.

Second Lieut. H. A. Crane, of Georgia, to be first lieutenant Company A, First Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, vice Lieut. H. D. Twyman, promoted, to rank from January 20, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Clark,

Ordered, That the bill (S. 143) to amend the several acts now in force exempting certain persons from military duty, and for other purposes, be printed.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, who had been instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire into the subject, reported the following bills:

S. 159. A bill to authorize the appointment of an Assistant Postmaster-General, and such clerks as may be necessary, to carry on the postal service in the States west of the Mississippi River; and

S. 160. A bill to authorize the appointment of a Third Auditor of the Treasury;

which were severally read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the President pro tempore appoint a member on the Committee on Claims, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Peyton; and

Mr. Baker was appointed.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia,

Ordered, That he be excused from further service on the Committee on Naval Affairs, and that the President pro tempore appoint a member to serve on said committee in his stead; and

Mr. Dortch was appointed.

Mr. Phelan (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 161) to repeal an act entitled "An act to regulate the destruction of property under military necessity, and to provide for the indemnity thereof;"

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 149) to regulate the commencement and sitting of all future sessions of Congress; and

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 142) to prevent the enlistment or enrollment of substitutes in the military service of the Confederate States, and to repeal all laws permitting or authorizing the same, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives insist upon their amendment, disagreed to by the Senate, to the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 16) in relation to the public printing, agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and have appointed Messrs. Menees, Preston, and Gartrell managers at the same on their part.

On motion by Mr. Barnwell,

Ordered, That the privilege of the floor of the Senate be extended to Maj. Gen. Howell Cobb, of the State of Georgia.

On motion by Mr. Clark,

Ordered, That the privilege of the floor of the Senate be extended to Isham G. Harris, governor of the State of Tennessee, and to Richard Hawes, governor of the State of Kentucky.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 142) to prevent the enlistment or enrollment of substitutes in the military service of the Confederate States, and to repeal all laws permitting or authorizing the same; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Clay announced the death of the Hon. William L. Yancey, and submitted the following resolutions; which were considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That we have heard with deep regret of the death of the Honorable William Lowndes Yancey, a Senator from the State of Alabama, and that we tender to his family our earnest sympathy in their afflictive bereavement.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased, and that the House of Representatives be informed of the action of the Senate.

Resolved (as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased), That the Senate do now adjourn.

And thereupon,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Clay presented resolutions of the general assembly of the State of Alabama in relation to the steamer Florida.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance and printed.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 150) to limit and define the term of office of the Secretary or principal officer of each of the Executive Departments, established by the several acts entitled "An act to organize the Department of State," "An act to establish the Treasury Department," "An act to establish the War Department." "An act to establish the

Navy Department," "An act to establish the Post-Office Department," "An act to organize and establish an executive department, to be known as the Department of Justice," all of which acts were approved February 21, 1861; and

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Baker presented a resolution of the general assembly of the State of Florida relative to the pay of the soldiers of the Confederate States; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and printed.

Mr. Baker presented a resolution of the general assembly of the State of Florida relative to the tax in kind; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance and printed.

Mr. Brown submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the chief collectors in the States to appoint deputy collectors, who shall give bond for the faithful performance of their duties, and who shall, when the principal is sick, absent, or from any other cause unable to discharge the duties of his office, take the place of such principal and discharge the duties of the office.

Mr. Orr presented the petition of sundry citizens of Abbeville district, South Carolina, praying that the tax imposed on widows and soldiers whose families are supported, in whole or in part, by boards of relief may be remitted; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 162) to provide additional remuneration for noncommissioned officers and privates serving in the Army of the Confederate States;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Caperton submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing a sale, by the collectors of the tax in kind, to the agents appointed by the county courts in their several districts, to provide relief for the families of soldiers, of such portions of the tithes collected, or to be collected, as can be conveniently spared, or as can not be conveniently collected by the Government agents.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution (H. R. 19) of thanks to Captain Odium, Lieutenant Dowling, and the men under their command; in which they ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 144) to change the time for the assembling of Congress for its next regular session.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment proposed to the bill by Mr. Haynes, viz:

Strike out the words "fourth Monday of February" and insert "first Monday in May,"

On motion by Mr. Barnwell, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes by striking out "first Monday in May" and inserting "first Monday in September,"

On motion by Mr. Davis, that the bill lie upon the table,
It was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Barnwell to the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes,
It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Clark, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes by striking out "first Monday in May" and inserting "first Monday in April,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes by striking out "first Monday in May" and inserting "first Monday in July,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Dortch, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes by striking out "first Monday in May" and inserting "first Monday in June,"

It was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes,
It was determined in the affirmative.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, that the vote on agreeing to the said amendment be reconsidered,

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That the bill lie upon the table.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., December 16, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Attorney-General ad interim, submitting additional estimates for the expenditures of the Department of Justice.

I recommend an appropriation of the amount specified for the purpose designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Barnwell submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire if any amendments are required to the tax and assessment acts to secure more uniformity and efficiency in their operation.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The joint resolution (H. R. 19) of thanks to Captain Odum, Lieutenant Dowling, and the men under their command, received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Orr, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the President pro tempore appoint a member on the Committee on Foreign Affairs, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Yancey; and

Mr. Johnson of Georgia was appointed.

On motion by Mr. Clay, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the President pro tempore appoint a member on the Committee on Commerce, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Peyton; and

Mr. Orr was appointed.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 159) to authorize the appointment of an Assistant Postmaster-General, and such clerks as may be necessary, to carry on the postal service in the States west of the Mississippi River.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Thursday next.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *December 15, 1863.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

In response to your resolution of the 10th instant, asking to be furnished with "copies of the several reports of Major-General Whiting in relation to running the blockade at Wilmington, N. C.," I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, covering copies of the reports referred to.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *December 16, 1863.*

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration, in secret session, a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, covering a report in relation to foreign cotton loans.

I recommend the ratification by Congress of the accompanying contract for a second foreign loan, and of the issue of the cotton certificates made for the use of the Navy Department.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Orr (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 18) explanatory of a joint resolution on the subject of retaliation, approved May 1, 1863; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Maxwell presented a resolution of the general assembly of the State of Florida in reference to the exportation and importation of certain articles by private enterprise; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce and printed.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 153) to amend an act entitled "An act to aid the State of Kentucky, and for other purposes," approved the 29th of January, 1862, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

On the question,

Shall the bill be engrossed and read the third time?

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table and be printed.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the message of the President of the Confederate States, communicated on the 17th instant, transmitting estimates for the expenditures of the Department of Justice, and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 160) to authorize the appointment of a Third Auditor of the Treasury; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Clark announced the decease of the Hon. Robert L. Y. Peyton, and submitted the following resolutions; which were considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That we have heard with deep regret of the death of the Honorable Robert L. Y. Peyton, a Senator from the State of Missouri,

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate a copy of these resolutions to the House of Representatives.

Resolved, That, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate do now adjourn.

And thereupon,
The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Caperton presented a resolution of the general assembly of the State of Virginia in relation to the allowance of additional compensation to cavalymen, for the use of their horses in service, and the payment of their actual value when lost or killed, and to the issue of rations of tobacco to the noncommissioned officers and privates, and single rations to commissioned officers; which was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate the petition of Richard Evans, late a captain in the United States Revenue Service, praying for an increase of pay; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Caperton, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 155) to protect Senators and Representatives in Congress from annoyance when traveling in the Confederate States, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Clay presented a communication from T. Sanford, collector of customs at the port of Mobile, in relation to an increase of the compensation now received by himself and the clerks in his office; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the Hon. Robert W. Barnwell have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until the first of January next.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war; and

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

On motion by Mr. Henry,

Ordered, That the Hon. Landon C. Haynes have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Thursday, the 31st instant.

Mr. Clark (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 163) for the temporary relief of the legislative and executive officers of the Government of the Confederate States on duty in the city of Richmond, Va.;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Clark presented a memorial of sundry officers of the various Executive Departments of the Government, praying for an increase of the compensation now allowed them by law; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 74) to amend so much of section 11 of the tax law as requires one-tenth of the sweet potatoes produced this year to be paid to the Government; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 74) this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 164) to repeal an act regulating the granting of furloughs and discharges in hospitals, approved May 1, 1863;

which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Brown on the 10th instant, declaring what should be the present policy of the Government of the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to and made the special order for Thursday next at 1 o'clock.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 153) to amend an act entitled "An act to aid the State of Kentucky, and for other purposes," approved the 29th of January, 1862; and

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Maxwell (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 19) for the relief of Capt. Walker Anderson; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Orr presented the petition of Alexander M. Moffett, praying the passage of an act refunding certain moneys expended by him on behalf of the Government; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Oldham submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the act of Congress entitled "An act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States," approved April twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, as to provide for laying and collecting taxes for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four to the amount of millions of dollars, to be levied upon the subjects of taxation as follows, to wit:

1. Upon all Treasury notes, designated by the Secretary of the Treasury as "general currency," outstanding on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, fifty per cent.

2. Upon all other Treasury notes and call certificates, twenty-five per cent.

3. Upon all eight per cent Confederate bonds, twenty per cent; upon seven per cent bonds, fifteen per cent; upon six per cent bonds, ten per cent; and upon all other bonds, five per cent.

4. And upon all other subjects of taxation specified in said act as will be sufficient to raise the aforesaid sum of millions, grading the same in proportion to the ability of the classes taxed to pay their assessment.

And as a means of sustaining any new issue of Treasury notes which may be made hereafter, the propriety of inserting the following stipulation in said notes: "That the same shall be receivable in payment of taxes and other public dues, at their current value, and that the same shall be funded by the holder in the six per cent bonds of the Government, after publication of notice by the Secretary of the Treasury."

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That the resolution be printed.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 74) to amend so much of section 11 of the tax law as requires one-tenth of the sweet potatoes produced this year to be paid to the Government, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 161) to repeal an act entitled "An act to regulate the destruction of property under military necessity, and to provide for the indemnity thereof," reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., December 21, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

In response to your resolution of the 10th instant, I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War relative to the Quartermaster-General.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., December 19, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering copies of several reports of military operations.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the operation of the act entitled "An act to provide for the compensation of certain persons therein named," beyond the first day of January next.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Davis,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 18) explanatory of a joint resolution on the subject of retaliation, approved May 1, 1863, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution last mentioned; and

On motion by Mr. Clark, that the resolution lie upon the table,

After debate,

Mr. Hill demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being put,

It was determined in the negative.

So the Senate refused to lay the resolution on the table; and

No amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, December 17, 1863.

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I hereby nominate the persons named upon the annexed list to the offices designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 7, 1863.*

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following promotions and appointments in the Navy:

Second lieutenants.

Masters, in the line of promotion, Francis T. Chew, of Missouri; A. Maccomb Mason, of District of Columbia; Thomas L. Moore, of North Carolina, and Ivey Foreman, of North Carolina, vice Second Lieuts. George A. Borchert, Hilary Cenas, Arthur D. Wharton, of Tennessee, and Thomas L. Dornin, promoted, to rank from the 29th day of April, 1863.

Master, in the line of promotion, Hardin B. Littlepage, of Virginia, vice Second Lieut. Thomas L. Harrison, promoted, to rank from the 25th June, 1863.

Master, in the line of promotion, Robert C. Foute, of Tennessee, vice Second Lieut. James L. Hoole, promoted, to rank from the 5th day August, 1863.

Acting Midshipman Francis M. Roby, of Mississippi, vice Second Lieut. Francis L. Hoge, promoted, for gallant conduct, to rank from 23d day August, 1863.

Master, in the line of promotion, Henry H. Marmaduke, of Missouri, vice Second Lieut. Edmund G. Read, promoted, to rank from 24th day August, 1863.

Paymaster.

Asst. Paymaster Richard Taylor, of Virginia, vice Paymaster George W. Clarke, resigned, to rank from the 25th October, 1863.

Assistant paymasters.

William E. Deacon, of Louisiana, vice Junius J. Lynch, deceased; T. G. Ridgely, of Missouri, vice Richard L. Mackall, deceased; John M. Pearl, of Tennessee, vice J. W. Beasley, resigned; Levi M. Tucker, of Kentucky, vice L. M. Thompson, deceased; C. Lucian Jones, of Georgia, vice Asst. Paymaster Richard Taylor, promoted.

Passed assistant surgeon.

Asst. Surg. O. S. Iglehart, to be promoted.

Assistant surgeons.

Assistant surgeon for the war, George B. Weston, of South Carolina, vice Asst. Surg. O. S. Iglehart, promoted.

Assistant surgeon for the war, George N. Halstead, of Arkansas, vice Asst. Surg. R. T. Baldwin, resigned.

Assistant surgeon for the war, James V. Cook, of Louisiana, vice Asst. Surg. Henry Stone, resigned.

Assistant surgeon for the war, James O. Grant, of Kentucky, vice Asst. Surg. H. Christmas, declined to accept.

First lieutenants.

Second Lieut. Samuel W. Averett, of Virginia, vice First Lieut. C. F. M. Spotswood, promoted to commander; Second Lieut. Henry B. Claiborne, of Louisiana, vice First Lieut. William L. Maury, promoted to commander; Second Lieut. George A. Borchert, of Georgia, vice First Lieut. John N. Maffitt, promoted to commander; Second Lieut. Hilary Cenas, of Louisiana, vice First Lieut. Joseph N. Barney, promoted to commander; Walter R. Butt, of Virginia; William W. Pollock, of Maryland; Second Lieut. Arthur D. Wharton, of Tennessee, vice First Lieut. Catesby ap R. Jones, promoted to commander; Second Lieut. Thomas L. Dornin, of Virginia, vice First Lieut. William A. Webb, promoted to commander; Second Lieut. Thomas L. Harrison, of Virginia, vice First Lieut. George H. Bier, resigned; Second Lieut. James L. Hoole, of Alabama, vice First Lieut. William A. Wayne, deceased; Second Lieut. Edmund G. Read, of Virginia, vice First Lieut. Dulaney A. Forrest, deceased.

With great respect, I am, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *December 17, 1863.*

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I hereby nominate the persons named upon the annexed list to the offices designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 7, 1863.*

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Navy, under act No. 146, approved May 20, 1861:

First lieutenant.

Thomas K. Porter, of Tennessee.

Second lieutenant.

William W. Carnes, of Tennessee.

With great respect, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *December 17, 1863.*

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I hereby nominate the persons named upon the annexed list to the offices designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 11, 1863.*

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following appointments in the Provisional Navy:

First lieutenants.

Charles Borum, of Virginia; J. V. Johnson, of Virginia.

With great respect, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *December 17, 1863.*

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I hereby nominate the persons named upon the annexed list to the offices designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 7, 1863.*

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion and appointment in the Marine Corps:

Captains.

First Lieut. Calvin L. Sayre, of Alabama, vice Capt. George P. Turner, dismissed, to rank from the 11th day of December, 1862.

First Lieut. Becket K. Howell, of Louisiana, vice Capt. Jacob Read, dismissed, to rank from the 1st day of February, 1863.

First lieutenants.

Second Lieut. David Bradford, of Louisiana, vice First Lieut. C. L. Sayre, promoted.

Second Lieut. Nathaniel E. Venable, of Texas, vice First Lieut. James F. Claiborne, dismissed, to rank from the 14th day of January, 1863.

Second Lieut. Henry L. Graves, of Georgia, vice First Lieut. B. K. Howell, promoted.

Second lieutenant.

John L. Rapier, of Louisiana, vice Second Lieut. W. F. Johnson, resigned, to rank from the 11th day of July, 1863.

With great respect, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered. That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Baker (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 165) to amend an act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States, approved April 24, 1863;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Clark presented the credentials of the Hon. Waldo P. Johnson, appointed a Senator by the executive of the State of Missouri, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Hon. Robert L. Y. Peyton; which were read, and the oath prescribed by the Constitution was administered to Mr. Johnson, and he took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be requested to communicate to the Senate the charges and specifications, together with the accompanying papers, preferred by General Beauregard against Major H. C. Guerin, chief commissary for the State of South Carolina, and now on file in the War Department.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 75. An act to amend an act to regulate impressments, approved March 26, 1863, and to repeal an act amendatory thereof, approved April 27, 1863; and

H. R. 76. An act to put an end to the exemption from military service of those who have heretofore furnished substitutes.

The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 153) to amend an act entitled "An act to aid the State of Kentucky, and for other purposes," approved the 29th of January, 1862.

And they have agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the joint resolution (S. 16) in relation to the public printing.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Phelan, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the joint resolution (S. 16) in relation to the public printing, reported

That they have met the conferees on the part of the House of Representatives, and, after full and free consultation, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House of Representatives recede from their amendment to the said resolution; and that the two Houses agree to the passage of the same, with the following amendment:

Strike out, line 5, the word "committees" and insert in lieu thereof the words "joint committee."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report; and

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 166) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the compensation of certain persons therein named," approved May 1, 1863; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, to amend the bill by striking therefrom the words "eighteen hundred and sixty-five" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "eighteen hundred and sixty-four,"

It was determined in the negative.

No amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Robert Y. Jones, praying compensation for taking the census, in 1860, in Abbeville district, South Carolina.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the said memorial of Robert Y. Jones be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., December 23, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering "General Lee's report of the operations of the Army of Northern Virginia, from the date of his assumption of command to and including the battle of Fredericksburg, December 13, 1862, and the subordinate reports appertaining thereto."

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The bill (H. R. 75) to amend an act to regulate impressments, approved March 26, 1863, and to repeal an act amendatory thereof, approved April 27, 1863, communicated this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The bill (H. R. 76) to put an end to the exemption from military service of those who have heretofore furnished substitutes, communicated this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Monday next,

It was determined in the negative.

After further debate,

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 77) authorizing the tax in kind on bacon to be commuted by collection of salt pork as an equivalent; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 77) communicated this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 78) providing for filling vacancies of delegates to Congress in certain Indian nations; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Brown on the 10th instant, declaring what should be the present policy of the Government of the Confederate States; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Wednesday next.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

H. R. 77. An act authorizing the tax in kind on bacon to be commuted by collection of salt pork as an equivalent; and

S. 153. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to aid the State of Kentucky, and for other purposes," approved the 29th of January, 1862.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

The bill (H. R. 78) providing for filling vacancies of Delegates to Congress in certain Indian nations, communicated this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,
Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (H. R. 74) to amend so much of section 11 of the tax law as requires one-tenth of the sweet potatoes produced this year to be paid to the Government.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,
The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, December 22, 1863.

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Richmond, December 21, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Brigadier-general.

Col. R. H. Chilton, of Virginia, to take rank from December 21, 1863.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

Lieutenant-colonel.

Walter H. Taylor, of Virginia, to take rank from December 21, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, December 23, 1863.

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Richmond, December 8, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ARTILLERY OFFICERS, UNDER ACT APPROVED JANUARY 22, 1862.

Colonel.

J. J. Hedrick, of North Carolina, to rank from October 4, 1863.

Lieutenant-colonels.

B. W. Frobel, of Virginia, to rank from June 15, 1863.

V. Sheliha, of Louisiana, to rank from May 25, 1863.

J. W. Bondurant, of Virginia, to rank from August 11, 1863.

J. Floyd King, of Georgia, to rank from August 22, 1863.

James R. Branch, of Virginia, to rank from August 25, 1863.

Stephen Elliott, of South Carolina, to rank from September 9, 1863.

Majors.

E. F. Gray, of Texas, to rank from May 8, 1863.
 Edward Manigault, of South Carolina, to rank from May 23, 1863.
 T. R. Hotchkiss, of Mississippi, to rank from May 31, 1863.
 J. R. B. Burtwell, of Alabama, to rank from June 2, 1863.
 William Miller Owen, of Louisiana, to rank from August 7, 1863.
 J. D. Myrick, of Virginia, to rank from August 1, 1863.
 John W. Johnston, of Virginia, to rank from May 17, 1863.
 Robert Martin, of South Carolina, to rank from August 29, 1863.
 L. T. Wofford, of Georgia, to rank from August 12, 1863.
 J. C. Coit, of South Carolina, to rank from September 12, 1863.
 W. H. Ketchum, of Alabama, to rank from October 2, 1863.
 H. M. Mathews, of Virginia, to rank from May 2, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency the PRESIDENT.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *December 23, 1863.*

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Postmaster-General, I hereby nominate the persons on the annexed list to the offices designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, December 22, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following-named persons for appointment as postmasters by your Excellency, with the advice and consent of the Senate:

John A. Seabrook, Hardeeville, Beaufort district, South Carolina.
 J. H. Webb, Pocotaligo, Beaufort district, South Carolina.
 John R. Allen, Chester Court House, Chester district, South Carolina.
 William Ramseur, Lincolnton, Lincoln County, N. C.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN H. REAGAN,
Postmaster-General.

The PRESIDENT.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *December 23, 1863.*

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Attorney-General ad interim, I hereby nominate Robert W. Coltart, to be marshal of the district of Alabama.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Richmond, December 19, 1863.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the appointment of Robert W. Coltart, of Huntsville, Ala., as marshal of the district of that State, in the place of Benjamin Patteson, deceased.

Your obedient servant, etc.,

WADE KEYES,
Attorney-General ad interim.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Clay presented the credentials of the Hon. Robert Jemison, jr., elected a Senator by the general assembly of the State of Alabama, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the Hon. William L. Yancey; which were read, and the oath prescribed by the Constitution was administered to Mr. Jemison, and he took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Clay presented the following resolutions of the general assembly of the State of Alabama; which were severally read:

A resolution in relation to the exemption of the families of soldiers whose support is derived from white labor alone from the payment of the tax in kind;

A resolution in relation to the exemption of certain persons from the payment of the Confederate "tax in kind;"

A resolution in relation to the enforcement of the conscript laws of the Confederate States; and

A resolution in relation to taxation and Confederate currency.

Ordered, That they lie upon the table and be printed.

The President pro tempore having signed the following bills, heretofore reported by the committee to have been truly enrolled, viz:

H. R. 74. An act to amend so much of section 11 of the tax law as requires one-tenth of the sweet potatoes produced this year to be paid to the Government;

H. R. 77. An act authorizing the tax in kind on bacon to be commuted by collection of salt pork as an equivalent; and

S. 153. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to aid the State of Kentucky, and for other purposes," approved the 29th of January, 1862.

They were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Maxwell (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 167) to amend an act to provide a mode of authenticating claims for money against the Confederate States, not otherwise provided for, approved August 30, 1861; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, reported

A bill (S. 168) to provide for a new issue of Treasury notes, and for funding all such notes now outstanding; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar and printed.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire into the subject, reported

A bill (S. 169) to repeal an act entitled "An act supplementary to an act to provide for the funding and further issue of Treasury notes," approved 30th April, 1863; which was read the first and second times; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That it be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (S. 142) to prevent the enlistment or enrollment of substitutes in the military service of the Confederate States.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 76) to put an end to the exemption from military service of those who have heretofore furnished substitutes.

Sundry amendments having been proposed,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia,

Ordered, That the bill and amendments be printed.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Wednesday next,

After further debate,

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Simms,

Ordered, That the Hon. H. C. Burnett have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That the Hon. Charles B. Mitchel have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, December 28, 1863.

To the Senate:

I transmit herewith to the Senate a draft of instructions prepared under my directions by the Secretary of State, for an envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary, whom I propose to send to Mexico.

Before doing so, I ask the advice of the Senate on the two following questions:
First. Whether it is advisable to send a minister to Mexico under the circumstances disclosed in the draft of instructions.

Second. Whether it be advisable to enter into negotiation on the basis proposed in the draft.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from Lieut. Gen. William J. Hardee and other officers of the Army in relation to a plan for the reorganization of the Army of the Confederate States; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 164) to repeal an act regulating the granting of furloughs and discharges in hospitals, approved May 1, 1863; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 161) to repeal an act entitled "An act to regulate the destruction of property under military necessity, and to provide for the indemnity thereof;" and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and

After further debate,

On motion by Mr. Henry,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury in relation to the foreign loan; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Orr, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, to whom was referred the message of the President of the Confederate States of the 28th instant, transmitting a draft of instructions for an envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary, proposed to be sent to Mexico, reported the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolved, That the Senate advise that an envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary be sent to His Majesty the Emperor of Mexico.

Resolved, That the Senate advise that negotiations be entered upon with His Majesty the Emperor of Mexico on the basis proposed in the draft of instructions accompanying the President's message.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of Calvin L. Sayre and Becket K. Howell, to be captains; David Bradford, Nathaniel E. Venable, and Henry L. Graves, to be first lieutenants, and John L. Rapier, to be second lieutenant, in the Marine Corps; William W. Hunter, Eben. Farrand, and John R. Tucker, to be captains in Provisional Navy; William T. Glassell, George T. Sinclair, to be commanders in the Provisional Navy, and John Taylor Wood, to be commander in the Navy; Charles Borum and J. V. Johnson, to be first lieutenants in the Provisional Navy; Thomas K. Porter, Samuel W. Averett, Henry B. Claiborne, George A. Borchert, Hilary Cenas, Walter R. Butt, William W. Pollock, Arthur D. Wharton, Thomas L. Dornin, Thomas L. Harrison, James L. Hoole, Edmund G. Read, and Francis L. Hoge, to be first lieutenants in the Navy; William W. Carnes, Joseph M. Gardner, Matthew P. Goodwyn, Francis T. Chew, A. Macomb Mason, Thomas L. Moore, Ivey Foreman, Hardin B. Littlepage, Robert C. Foute, Francis M. Roby, and Henry H. Marmaduke, to be second lieutenants in the Navy; Richard Taylor, to be paymaster; William E. Deacon, T. G. Ridgely, John M. Pearl, and C. Lucian Jones, to be assistant paymasters; O. S. Iglehart, to be passed assistant surgeon; George B. Weston, George N. Halstead, James V. Cook, and James O. Grant, to be assistant surgeons; Edward C. Stiles, John L. Phillips, George H. Arledge, Maxwell T. Clarke, John A. Payne, Henry W. Ray, William E. Hudgins, John F. Ramsay, Lewis R. Hill, Edward J. Means, Henry Roberts, Richard H. Gayle, John Low, Arthur Sinclair, jr., William W. Roberts, Edgar A. Lambert, Otey Bradford, Americus V. Wiatt, and Thomas L. Skinner, to be lieutenants for the war; Pike Brown, Henry G. Land, G. Welborne Claiborne, James M. Hicks, Joel G. King, Daniel E. Ewart, Edward Caire, Jephtha V. Harris, Luther R. Dickinson, John B. Rutherford, and George A. Foote, to be assistant surgeons for the war; Joseph P. Claybrook, William P. Mason, William F. Robinson, David A. Telfair, Daniel Trigg, Isaac C. Holcomb, William R. Dalton, Algernon S. Worth, Robert A. Canm, Dabney M. Scales, John T. Walker, Samuel S. Gregory, Richard H. Bacot, and Edward J. McDermett, to be masters, in the line of promotion, in the Navy; John L. Porter, to be chief constructor in the Navy; James H. Tomb, to be chief engineer in the Provisional Navy, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Hill presented a resolution of the general assembly of the State of Georgia, affirming the right of all soldiers who went from Georgia through the agency of the State to elect their regimental, battalion, and company officers; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and printed.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the Hon. Edward Sparrow be excused for his absence from the sessions of the Senate, on account of sickness.

Mr. Phelan presented the following resolutions of the legislature of the State of Mississippi; which were severally read, viz:

A resolution in relation to repealing that portion of the conscript law authorizing substitution in the Army; and

A resolution in relation to the practicability of using negro men in the armies of the Confederate States as teamsters, nurses, and pioneer corps.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and printed.

Mr. Phelan presented a resolution of the legislature of the State of Mississippi in relation to the appointment of an agent or agents, on the part of the Confederate States, to visit the different portions of the State of Mississippi, for the purpose of auditing, adjusting, and paying off certificates and receipts given persons therein for provisions and other property impressed and used by order of Confederate States officers, and to pay off the amounts due the families or legal heirs of deceased soldiers; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Claims and printed.

Mr. Phelan (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 170) to provide for the auditing and payment of certain claims in the State of Mississippi; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 79. A bill to prohibit dealing in the paper currency of the enemy; and

H. R. 80. A bill to continue in force an act entitled "An act to provide for the compensation of certain persons therein named," approved May 1, 1863.

The bills received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 79 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and the bill numbered 80 to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 75) to amend an act to regulate impressments, approved March 26, 1863, and to repeal an act amendatory thereof, approved April 27, 1863, reported it with amendments.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the bill and amendments be printed.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the following subjects:

S. 157. A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate impressments," approved March 26, 1863; and

A resolution inquiring if any and what additional legislation is necessary to protect the rights of citizens against the arbitrary, unjust, and needless impressment of provisions under the orders from the Commissary-General, and whether additional efficiency in that department may not be secured by increased energy, industry, and effort by officials to make purchases for the subsistence of the Army.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of a resolution inquiring into the expediency of so amending existing laws as that assessments, under the tax laws, of produce and property, shall conform to the schedule of prices fixed by the commissioners in the respective States under the impressment act, and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 78) providing for filling vacancies of Delegates to Congress in certain Indian nations, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 161) to repeal an act entitled "An act to regulate the destruction of property under military necessity, and to provide for the indemnity thereof," and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question,

Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas.....	10
	{ Nays.....	6

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Clark, Henry, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, and Phelan.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Davis, Dortch, Hill, Orr, and Semmes.

So it was

Ordered, That this bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 28th instant, approved and signed an act (S. 142) to prevent the enlistment or enrollment of substitutes in the military service of the Confederate States.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 76) to put an end to the exemption from military service of those who have heretofore furnished substitutes.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, to amend the bill by adding thereto the following:

Nor shall it affect any person who is now actually employed in the cultivation or in superintending the cultivation of his farm or plantation, or the farm or plantation

Messrs. Brown, Caperton, Clark, Clay, Davis, Dortch, Henry, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Arkansas, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, to amend the bill by striking out of the enacting clause the words "do, therefore" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "of America do,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill pass to a third reading.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas -----	17
	{ Nays -----	2

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Caperton, Clark, Clay, Davis, Dortch, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Johnson of Georgia and Orr.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

On motion by Mr. Clark,

Ordered, That the Hon. Waldo P. Johnson have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Monday next.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., December 28, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of State, covering a copy of that portion of his correspondence referred to in my message of the 7th instant, which has not been previously submitted.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., December 28, 1863.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, covering copies of additional reports of military operations of the year 1862, which should have accompanied the report of Gen. R. E. Lee, submitted for your information on the 24th instant.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Clark,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *December 28, 1863.*

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 8, 1863.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

NITER AND MINING CORPS.

Lieutenant-colonel.

I. M. St. John, of Georgia, to take rank from May 28, 1863.

Majors.

Richard Morton, of Virginia, to take rank from May 28, 1863.

Isaac Read, of Missouri, to take rank from May 29, 1863.

Captains.

F. H. Smith, of Kentucky, to take rank from May 28, 1863.

R. H. Temple, of Virginia, to take rank from May 29, 1863.

T. J. Finnie, of Tennessee, to take rank from May 30, 1863.

William Gabbett, of Georgia, to take rank from June 1, 1863.

John Ellicott, of Maryland, to take rank from June 2, 1863.

James F. Jones, of Virginia, to take rank from June 3, 1863.

First lieutenants.

R. C. Morton, of Virginia, to take rank from May 28, 1863.

J. H. Matthews, of Mississippi, to take rank from May 29, 1863.

H. F. Reardon, of Virginia, to take rank from May 30, 1863.

B. A. Stovall, of Georgia, to take rank from June 1, 1863.

J. W. Pearce, of District of Columbia, to take rank from June 2, 1863.

R. L. Sprigg, of Virginia, to take rank from June 3, 1863.

Edward Harrison, of Louisiana, to take rank from June 4, 1863.

R. A. Higgason, of Texas, to take rank from June 6, 1863.

J. Triplett Smith, of California, to take rank from June 5, 1863.

John R. Hale, of Texas, to take rank from August 19, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *December 28, 1863.*

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Lieut. Col. E. B. White, of South Carolina, to be colonel of artillery, Provisional Army Confederate States,

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 28, 1863.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ARTILLERY OFFICER, UNDER ACT APPROVED JANUARY 22, 1862.

Colonel.

Lieut. Col. E. B. White, of South Carolina, to be colonel of artillery, to rank from date of confirmation.

I have the honor to be, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs. The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *December 28, 1863.*

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 8, 1863.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Adjutants, with the rank of first lieutenant.

W. R. Holcombe, of Alabama, to be adjutant Ninth Alabama Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

W. D. Hardy, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Fifth South Carolina Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

M. R. Campbell, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Forty-eighth Mississippi Regiment, to rank from May 16, 1863.

Oliver S. Porter, of Georgia, to be adjutant Cobb's (Georgia) Legion, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Matt. E. Manly, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Forty-fourth North Carolina Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

James B. Johnson, of Florida, to be adjutant Fifth Florida Regiment, to rank from May 25, 1863.

David S. Goodloe, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Eighteenth Mississippi Regiment, to rank from May 25, 1863.

G. C. Conner, of Georgia, to be adjutant Sixty-first Georgia Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Charles Edwards, of Virginia, to be adjutant Thirty-fourth Virginia Battalion, to rank from May 2, 1863.

R. J. Reid, of Florida, to be adjutant Second Florida Regiment, to rank from May 10, 1863.

R. T. Harris, of Alabama, to be adjutant Ninth Alabama Battalion, to rank from May 16, 1863.

Daniel B. Hatch, of Missouri, to be adjutant Fourth Missouri Cavalry Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

S. M. Howard, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Twenty-seventh Tennessee Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

William E. Beasley, of Mississippi, to be adjutant First Mississippi Cavalry Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

W. F. Miller, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Thirty-fifth Tennessee Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Green L. White, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Twenty-fourth Arkansas Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

William A. Pugh, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Twelfth North Carolina Battalion, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Crenshaw Hall, of Alabama, to be adjutant Second Battalion, Hilliard's Legion, to rank from May 2, 1863.

T. H. Colcock, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Third South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

W. Hemmingway, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Twelfth Arkansas Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Charles W. Lewis, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Twenty-third Arkansas Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

T. S. Warren, of Virginia, to be adjutant Fifty-first Virginia Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

John A. Matthias, of Georgia, to be adjutant Phillips Legion, to rank from May 12, 1863.

S. B. Clowney, of South Carolina, to be adjutant First South Carolina Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

A. L. Peel, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Nineteenth Mississippi Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

H. G. Gwyn, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Twenty-third Tennessee Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Thomas W. Miller, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Thirty-fourth Mississippi Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Volney Ellis, of Texas, to be adjutant Twelfth Texas Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Alex. W. Loving, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Twelfth Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

William H. Keller, of Alabama, to be adjutant Forty-seventh Alabama Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

A. C. Bailey, of Virginia, to be adjutant Eighth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

George P. Brown, of Alabama, to be adjutant Tenth Alabama Regiment, to rank from May 22, 1863.

George M. Wright, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Twenty-sixth Arkansas Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

B. McFarland, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Forty-first Mississippi Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

A. F. Claywell, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Sixteenth Tennessee Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

L. F. Bakewell, of Georgia, to be adjutant Twenty-first Georgia Regiment, to rank from June 4, 1863.

Lovic Pierce, jr., of Georgia, to be adjutant Fifteenth Georgia Regiment, to rank from May 13, 1863.

B. F. Chastain, of Georgia, to be adjutant Sixth Georgia Cavalry Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Henry H. Way, of Georgia, to be adjutant Fifty-fourth Georgia Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

T. A. Jeffords, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Fifth South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

James H. Merrimon, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Seventh North Carolina Battalion, to rank from May 2, 1863.

R. N. Harris, of Alabama, to be adjutant Twenty-seventh Alabama Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

J. D. S. Newell, of Louisiana, to be adjutant Fifteenth Louisiana Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Jesse B. Pye, of Georgia, to be adjutant Twenty-seventh Georgia Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Henry H. Dinkins, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Forty-ninth North Carolina Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

John A. Jones, of Georgia, to be adjutant Ninth Georgia Regiment, to rank from June 4, 1863.

J. O. Waddell, of Georgia, to be adjutant Twentieth Georgia Regiment, to rank from June 4, 1863.

Lawrence Baker, of Georgia, to be adjutant Fifty-third Georgia Regiment, to rank from June 8, 1863.

A. C. Hickey, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Twenty-sixth Tennessee Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

W. B. L. Reagan, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Sixteenth Tennessee Battalion, to rank from May 2, 1863.

H. B. Tompkins, of Alabama, to be adjutant Thirty-ninth Alabama Regiment, to rank from June 1, 1863.

James J. Searcy, of Missouri, to be adjutant Ninth Missouri Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Jedediah Waldo, of Missouri, to be adjutant Eighth Missouri Battalion, to rank from May 2, 1863.

W. G. Kissing, of Virginia, to be adjutant Tenth Virginia Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

J. T. Keesee, of Virginia, to be adjutant Third Virginia Battalion, Troops Local Defense, to rank from July 2, 1863.

John W. Pearson, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Seventh North Carolina Regiment, to rank from June 22, 1863.

E. Bertus, of Louisiana, to be adjutant Twentieth Louisiana Regiment, to rank from June 9, 1863.

J. B. Fitzpatrick, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Seventeenth Tennessee Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Brice A. Wilson, of Alabama, to be adjutant Sixteenth Alabama Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

J. P. Williams, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Eighth North Carolina Battalion, to rank from May 2, 1863.

James A. Byrd, of Georgia, to be adjutant Sixty-fourth Georgia Regiment, to rank from June 19, 1863.

R. B. Peebles, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Thirty-fifth North Carolina Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

John J. Winston, of Alabama, to be adjutant Eighteenth Alabama Regiment, to rank from June 10, 1863.

John T. Gregory, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Twelfth North Carolina Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

W. McR. Jordan, of Florida, to be adjutant Third Florida Battalion, to rank from June 1, 1863.

Robert T. Hubard, of Virginia, to be adjutant Third Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

W. R. Bedell, of Georgia, to be adjutant Forty-sixth Georgia Regiment, to rank from June 17, 1863.

E. Bourges, of ———, to be adjutant Fourteenth Confederate Cavalry Regiment, to rank from July 16, 1863.

John R. Youree, of Georgia, to be adjutant Fourth Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from May 4, 1863.

John A. G. Hiatt, of Virginia, to be adjutant Sixty-fourth Virginia Regiment, to rank from June 15, 1863.

Richard Ferguson, of Virginia, to be adjutant Eighteenth Virginia Regiment, to rank from June 29, 1863.

W. A. Hopson, of Georgia, to be adjutant Sixty-second Georgia Regiment, to rank from June 7, 1863.

George Dawson, of Florida, to be adjutant Seventh Florida Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Samuel Wilson, of Virginia, to be adjutant Tenth Virginia Battalion Artillery, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Henry S. Figures, of Alabama, to be adjutant Forty-eighth Alabama Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

J. T. S. Reid, of Virginia, to be adjutant for duty with Colonel Thorburn, commanding artillery, Wilmington, N. C., to rank from May 4, 1863.

L. N. Davies, of Virginia, to be adjutant Fortieth Virginia Battalion Cavalry, to rank from July 15, 1863.

S. W. Wardlaw, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Cavalry Battalion, Holcombe Legion, to rank from July 24, 1863.

Henry Hudnall, of Virginia, to be adjutant Twelfth Virginia Battalion, to rank from July 19, 1863.

Thomas H. Allen, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Tenth North Carolina Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

James H. Williams, of Georgia, to be adjutant Third Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from June 29, 1863.

Rufus Brittain, of Virginia, to be adjutant Twenty-ninth Virginia Regiment, to rank from June 20, 1863.

W. W. Alexander, of Virginia, to be adjutant Forty-sixth Virginia Regiment, to rank from July 13, 1863.

Thomas B. Cook, of Kentucky, to be adjutant Fifth Kentucky Regiment, to rank from July 12, 1863.

M. S. Cleveland, of Alabama, to be adjutant Eighth Alabama Regiment, to rank from July 28, 1863.

William F. Price, of Virginia, to be adjutant Forty-eighth Virginia Regiment, to rank from July 30, 1863.

Orville Ewing, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Sixtieth North Carolina Regiment, to rank from March 4, 1863.

Richard W. Freeman, of Georgia, to be adjutant Forty-fourth Georgia Regiment, to rank from August 8, 1863.

Thomas W. Hoffman, of Virginia, to be adjutant Thirty-first Virginia Regiment, to rank from July 17, 1863.

William F. Ogden, of Louisiana, to be adjutant Seventh Louisiana Regiment, to rank from August 2, 1863.

John L. Blain, of Texas, to be adjutant First Texas Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from July 16, 1863.

G. J. Buchanan, of Mississippi, to be adjutant First Mississippi Regiment, to rank from August 31, 1863.

Edward A. Martin, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Eleventh North Carolina Regiment, to rank from August 18, 1863.

William M. Smith, of South Carolina, to be adjutant First South Carolina Battalion, to rank from August 12, 1863.

J. C. Small, of Kentucky, to be adjutant Third Kentucky Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

D. D. Walton, of Texas, to be adjutant Eighteenth Texas Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Benjamin M. Smith, of Virginia, to be adjutant Twentieth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank from August 14, 1863.

James F. Grier, of Georgia, to be adjutant Fifty-fifth Georgia Regiment, to rank from September 9, 1863.

Joel W. Marshall, of Virginia, to be adjutant Fourteenth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank from August 10, 1863.

W. S. Sawrie, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Second Arkansas Regiment, to rank from August 19, 1863.

J. A. Robertson, of Alabama, to be adjutant Sixth Alabama Cavalry Regiment, to rank from August 19, 1863.

E. J. Kursheedt, of Louisiana, to be adjutant Washington Artillery Battalion, to rank from August 10, 1863.

Lot M. Jones, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Third Mississippi Regiment, to rank from August 1, 1863.

D. C. Green, of Alabama, to be adjutant Twentieth Alabama Battalion Artillery, to rank from May 16, 1863.

Francis A. Boyle, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Thirty-second North Carolina Regiment, to rank from June 27, 1863.

John C. Anderson, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Thirteenth South Carolina Regiment, to rank from September 10, 1863.

D. R. Dunlap, of Alabama, to be adjutant Third Alabama Regiment, to rank from September 2, 1863.

D. Rankin, of ———, to be adjutant Second Virginia Battalion, Troops Local Defense, to rank from June 18, 1863.

B. H. Eppes, jr., of ———, to be adjutant First Virginia Battalion, Troops Local Defense, to rank from August 17, 1863.

L. J. Gaines, of Missouri, to be adjutant Second Missouri Cavalry Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Allan Talbott, of Virginia, to be adjutant Fourth Virginia Battalion, Troops Local Defense, to rank from September 17, 1863.

B. McMullen, of Texas, to be adjutant Fifth Virginia Battalion, Troops Local Defense, to rank from August 15, 1863.

J. J. Evans, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Eleventh Mississippi Regiment, to rank from August 25, 1863.

John A. R. Imboden, of Virginia, to be adjutant Forty-first Virginia Battalion Cavalry, to rank from October 5, 1863.

R. Lindsay, of Missouri to be adjutant Eleventh Missouri Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

W. G. Newman, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Twenty-third Tennessee Battalion, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Robert T. Penick, of Missouri, to be adjutant Tenth Missouri Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

H. C. Bradford, of Alabama, to be adjutant Fifty-fifth Alabama Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

C. C. Wertenbaker, of Virginia, to be adjutant Nineteenth Virginia Regiment, to rank from July 24, 1863.

Robert B. Hurt, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Fifty-fifth Tennessee Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

John F. Waller, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Twelfth Mississippi Battalion, to rank from September 18, 1863.

Thomas Gaillard, of Alabama, to be adjutant Forty-second Alabama Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

William L. Faison, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Sixty-first North Carolina Regiment, to rank from September 25, 1863.

N. T. Johnson, of Georgia, to be adjutant Twelfth Georgia Battalion, to rank from September 28, 1863.

L. Mitchell, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Forty-sixth North Carolina Regiment, to rank from September 29, 1863.

J. W. Kendall, of Kentucky, to be adjutant Tenth Kentucky Cavalry Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

W. W. Jackson, of Georgia, to be adjutant Thirty-sixth Georgia Regiment, to rank from June 21, 1863.

W. T. Charles, of Alabama, to be adjutant Seventh Alabama Cavalry Regiment, to rank from July 22, 1863.

Augustus Owen, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Seventeenth Tennessee Battalion Cavalry, to rank from May 2, 1863.

S. C. De Bruhl, of Georgia, to be adjutant Fifty-seventh Georgia Regiment, to rank from August 31, 1863.

John G. Gittings, of Virginia, to be adjutant Nineteenth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank from October 14, 1863.

W. L. Le Conte, of Georgia, to be adjutant Sixty-sixth Georgia Regiment, to rank from October 13, 1863.

William H. Laughter, of Virginia, to be adjutant Eighteenth Virginia Battalion, to rank from October 3, 1863.

James D. Vaughan, of ———, to be adjutant First Virginia Battalion Cavalry, Troops Local Defense, to rank from October 17, 1863.

William L. Peters, of Arkansas, to be adjutant First Chickasaw Regiment, to rank from September 25, 1863.

C. W. Graves, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Fourteenth Mississippi Battalion, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Irving Root, of Texas, to be adjutant Eleventh Texas Cavalry Regiment, to rank from May 15, 1863.

Henry E. Allen, of Louisiana, to be adjutant Thirty-first Louisiana Regiment, to rank from September 1, 1863.

John W. Barry, of Louisiana, to be adjutant First Louisiana Cavalry Regiment, to rank from October 10, 1863.

James O. Owens, of Florida, to be adjutant Sixth Florida Battalion, to rank from October 6, 1863.

L. R. Stark, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Tenth South Carolina Regiment, to rank from October 10, 1863.

S. D. Davies, of Virginia, to be adjutant Forty-seventh Virginia Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

W. J. Milner, of Alabama, to be adjutant Thirty-third Alabama Regiment, to rank from October 14, 1863.

Michael M. McGee, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Second Arkansas Cavalry Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

J. A. August, of Virginia, to be adjutant Fifteenth Virginia Regiment, to rank from October 26, 1863.

Benjamin L. Perry, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Fifty-eighth North Carolina Regiment, to rank from October 13, 1863.

E. A. Warren, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Eleventh Arkansas Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

G. W. Anderson, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Thirteenth North Carolina Regiment, to rank from October 23, 1863.

Samuel S. Owen, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Second Mississippi Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

M. T. Bass, of Georgia, to be adjutant Fifty-ninth Georgia Regiment, to rank from October 15, 1863.

F. S. Findlay, of Virginia, to be adjutant Fifty-first Virginia Regiment, to rank from October 20, 1863.

A. R. Greigg, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Twenty-fifth Tennessee Regiment, to rank from September 26, 1863.

William R. White, of Arkansas, to be adjutant First Arkansas Regiment, to rank from October 7, 1863.

John M. Farris, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Fifteenth Tennessee Regiment, to rank from September 26, 1863.

B. W. Arnold, of Virginia, to be adjutant Fourteenth Virginia Regiment, to rank from October 22, 1863.

F. Philips, of Florida, to be adjutant First Florida Cavalry Regiment, to rank from September 3, 1863.

John S. Tutt, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Sixteenth Arkansas Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

W. P. McCarty, of Virginia, to be adjutant Thirteenth Virginia Battalion Artillery, to rank from October 26, 1863.

O. P. Sydenstricker, of Virginia, to be adjutant Sixtieth Virginia Regiment, to rank from October 22, 1863.

C. W. Wyatt, of Virginia, to be adjutant Twenty-second Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank from November 16, 1863.

T. F. Powell, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Twenty-third North Carolina Regiment, to rank from July 1, 1863.

G. W. Smitheal, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Fifty-first Tennessee Regiment, to rank from July 1, 1863.

B. F. Parker, of Florida, to be adjutant Fourth Florida Battalion, to rank from October 31, 1863.

Thomas B. Fowler, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Second Tennessee Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

William French, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Tenth Mississippi Regiment, to rank from September 16, 1863.

Edwin P. Starr, of Georgia, to be adjutant Eighteenth Georgia Battalion, to rank from November 9, 1863.

S. G. Worth, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Nineteenth North Carolina Regiment, to rank from November 7, 1863.

B. F. Smith, of Alabama, to be adjutant Fifth Alabama Battalion, to rank from November 14, 1863.

Charles A. Raine, of Virginia, to be adjutant Twenty-third Virginia Regiment, to rank from June 1, 1863.

Charles C. Ivey, of Alabama, to be adjutant Thirty-second Alabama Regiment, to rank from July 12, 1863.

Thomas E. Winn, of Georgia, to be adjutant Sixteenth Georgia Battalion, Partisan Rangers, to rank from October 8, 1863.

C. D. Waters, of Louisiana, to be adjutant Ninth Louisiana Regiment, to rank from November 12, 1863.

J. R. Rogers, of Kentucky, to be adjutant Third Kentucky Cavalry Battalion, to rank from November 15, 1863.

George Millard, of Louisiana, to be adjutant Twenty-second Louisiana Regiment, to rank from September 1, 1863.

C. B. Paslay, of Florida, to be adjutant Seventh Florida Regiment, to rank from August 7, 1863.

A. T. Stennis, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Fifth Mississippi Regiment, to rank from November 14, 1863.

J. G. Clarke, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Wirt Adams' Cavalry, to rank from November 14, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Clark,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1863.

OPEN SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That the Hon. James M. Baker have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Thursday next.

Mr. Maxwell submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the propriety of providing by law for the appointment of chaplains for battalions in the Army.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 28th instant he approved and signed the following acts:

H. R. 74. An act to amend so much of section 11 of the tax law as requires one-tenth of the sweet potatoes produced this year to be paid to the Government; and

H. R. 77. An act authorizing the tax in kind on bacon to be commuted by collection of salt pork as an equivalent.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Clay (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 20) of thanks to Major Von Boreke; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the Confederate States of America:

The act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to aid the State of Kentucky, and for other purposes,'" approved 29th January, 1862, has been duly considered, and I find myself constrained, though very reluctantly, because of the purpose in view, to return the same to the House in which it originated, with a statement of the objections which cause me to withhold my approval.

The act to which this is amendatory was for the declared object of aiding the governor and council of Kentucky to raise and organize troops in that State for the Confederate service, and to supply them with clothing, subsistence, transportation, arms, and ammunition. The second section of that act carefully provided the manner of making requisitions on the appropriation so as to secure its application to the objects for which it was designed, namely, to provide for troops raised for the Confederate service anterior to their being mustered into the same, and therefore before they could be supplied by the officers of the Confederate Army.

The act now before me devotes one-half of that appropriation to a purpose entirely different from that originally contemplated, and authorizes the governor and council to draw from the Treasury a million of dollars to be expended in purchasing clothing for the use and benefit of the Kentucky troops now in the service. These already receive the same allowance of clothing as all other troops. The act under consideration makes an appropriation for an object for which other money is appropriated, and directs its expenditure by agents other than the bonded officers charged with supplying clothing to the whole Army. If it be designed, as equity would seem to require, to make a proportionate provision for all the other troops, the Senate will not fail to observe the very large expenditure which it would involve, and that the method is objectionable because it would be to employ two sets of agents to perform the same duty, who, buying in the same market, would necessarily be bidders against each other.

If the allowance of clothing be not sufficient, a better remedy would seem to be an increase of the appropriation for the clothing for the whole Army, that the grateful duty might in that case be performed by the Confederate authorities of issuing to the

soldier whatever additional allowance the Government may be able to procure and his wants may require.

It will be further perceived that to recognize as well founded the implication contained in this bill that extra supplies of clothing furnished to the soldiers ought to be paid for by the Confederacy, would lay the foundation for large claims to be made hereafter by the States for reimbursement on account of clothing supplied by them to their soldiers.

If the discrimination made by this act in favor of the gallant soldiers of our sister State of Kentucky originates from the natural sympathy excited by their separation from such comforts as they might expect to receive if able to communicate with their homes, Congress will not fail to perceive that there are many other troops in the service in like condition and whose claims to consideration stand on precisely the same footing.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., *December 31, 1863.*

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to reconsider the bill (S. 153) returned by the President with his objections; which bill is in the following words:

An act to amend an act entitled "An act to aid the State of Kentucky, and for other purposes," approved the twenty-ninth of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the act approved January the twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, directing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue to the State of Kentucky, upon the application of the governor and council of the provisional government of said State, the sum of two millions of dollars in Treasury notes, be so amended as to authorize the said governor and council to appropriate the sum of one million of dollars of the said amount in purchasing clothing for the use and benefit of the Kentucky troops now in the military service of the Confederate States; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to pay to the governor of Kentucky said sum out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

TH. S. BOCOCK,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

R. M. T. HUNTER,

President of the Senate pro tempore.

I certify that this act originated in the Senate.

JAMES H. NASH, *Secretary.*

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Tuesday next, and that the message lie upon the table.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Navy, submitting a statement of transfers of appropriations under the cognizance of the Navy Department; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Saturday next.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions reported from the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the 29th instant, in relation to sending an envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to His Majesty the Emperor of Mexico; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed till to-morrow.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *December 31, 1863.*

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Capt. C. G. Armistead, of Mississippi, to be colonel in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, under act approved October 11, 1862.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 30, 1863.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States:

Colonel.

Capt. C. G. Armistead, of Mississippi, to be colonel, under the act to raise an additional military force, approved October 11, 1862, to rank from December 29, 1863.

I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of C. G. Armistead, to be colonel; and it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 21) of thanks to Gen. Robert E. Lee and to the officers and soldiers under his command; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the resolution now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, {

Yeas	19
Nays	0

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Caperton, Clark, Clay, Dortch, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, and Sparrow.

-So it was unanimously

Resolved, That this resolution pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Johnson of Georgia presented a communication from Henry W. Hilliard in relation to the detail of the fire battalion of the city of Augusta for service at that place during the war; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Semmes (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 171) for the establishment and regulation of territorial commands in the Army; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., December 31, 1863.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering copies of several reports of military operations.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Clay submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be requested to inform the Senate whether the taxes have been assessed in the Confederate States in conformity with the requirements of the act entitled "An act for the assessment and collection of taxes," approved May first, eighteen hundred and sixty-three; and, if not, in which of the States of the Confederacy have they not been assessed, in which have they been assessed, when were they assessed, and when will the assessment be completed in those sections of the Confederacy not occupied by the arms of the enemy. And that he further inform the Senate whether the taxes have been collected in any, and which, State of the Confederacy, and, if not in whole, what portion of the taxes in any State, and in which State, has been collected in accordance with said act; and when the collection of the same will be completed in the sections of the Confederacy not occupied by the enemy.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, reported

A bill (S. 172) to increase the compensation of certain civil officers and employees in the Executive Departments at Richmond for a limited period; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Dortch,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to and made the special order for Monday next at half past 12 o'clock.

On motion by Mr. Clark,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, December 31, 1863.

To the Senate:

I hereby nominate George Davis, of North Carolina, to be Attorney-General, in place of Thomas H. Watts, resigned.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of George Davis, to be Attorney-General; and it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolutions, reported from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, relative to sending an envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to His Majesty the Emperor of Mexico.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Johnson of Georgia submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to lay before the Senate a statement showing the amount of property and credits that have been taken possession of under the laws of sequestration and confiscation; what amount is in judgment unsold and uncollected; what amount, in money, has been realized in the several States of the Confederacy and paid into the Treasury; where is the balance, if any, which, being collected by the various receivers, has not yet been paid into the Treasury; and what is the amount of property and credits still in litigation, and where such litigation is pending.

Mr. Caperton presented the petition of dental surgeons of ten years' practice, praying to be exempted from military service; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 80) to continue in force an act entitled "An act to provide for the compensation of certain persons therein named," approved May 1, 1863, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of a resolution inquiring into the propriety of providing by law for the appointment of chaplains for battalions in the Army.

Mr. Caperton, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 79) to prohibit dealing in the paper currency of the enemy, reported it with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the bill and amendment be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives agree to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 76) to put an end to the exemption from military service of those who have heretofore furnished substitutes.

And they have passed bills and a joint resolution of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 81. An act to prevent the procuring, aiding, and assisting persons to desert from the Army of the Confederate States, and for other purposes;

H. R. 82. An act to grant a special copyright to W. J. Hardee and S. H. Goetzel for Hardee's Rifle and Infantry Tactics; and

H. R. 20. Joint resolution for the relief of Maj. W. F. Haines.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills and an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Phelan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 170) to provide for the auditing and payment of certain claims in the State of Mississippi, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the bill be printed.

The bills and joint resolution received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 81 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; the bill numbered 82 to the Committee on the Judiciary, and the joint resolution numbered 20 to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

H. R. 76. An act to put an end to the exemption from military service of those who have heretofore furnished substitutes;

H. R. 78. An act providing for filling vacancies of Delegates to Congress in certain Indian nations; and

S. 16. Joint resolution in relation to the public printing.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and the enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolutions reported from the Committee on Foreign Affairs in relation to sending an envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to His Majesty the Emperor of Mexico; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Dortch,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 83. An act to authorize the cancellation of certain Confederate States bonds, and the substitution of others for them;

H. R. 84. An act to authorize the appointment of an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury west of the Mississippi; and

H. R. 85. An act to amend an act entitled "An act in relation to the receipt of counterfeit Treasury notes by public officers."

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That the President pro tempore appoint a member on the Committee on Claims to fill the vacancy occasioned by the retirement of Mr. Davis; and

Mr. Johnson of Missouri was appointed.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, reported

A bill (S. 173) to declare the meaning and intent of the eleventh section of an act entitled "An act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States," approved April 24, 1863;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the following subjects:

A resolution inquiring into the expediency of extending the operation of the act entitled "An act to provide for the compensation of certain persons therein named," beyond the first day of January next, and

A communication from H. W. Hilliard in relation to the detail of the fire battalion of the city of Augusta for service at that place during the war.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 81) to prevent the procuring, aiding, and assist-

ing persons to desert from the Army of the Confederate States, and for other purposes, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Clay, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 20) of thanks to Major Von Boreke, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution last mentioned; and having been amended, it was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 167) to amend an act to provide a mode of authenticating claims for money against the Confederate States, not otherwise provided for, approved August 30, 1861, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 154) to prevent speculation, hoarding, and extortion, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing that provision of the assessment law which makes persons under forty-five years of age ineligible to appointment as chief collector of taxes.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That the joint resolutions of the general assembly of the State of Alabama in relation to the exemption of the families of soldiers whose support is derived from white labor alone from the payment of the tax in kind; in relation to the exemption of certain persons from the payment of the Confederate "tax in kind;" and in relation to taxation and Confederate currency, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Maxwell (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 174) to authorize the issue of certain bonds for payment to the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company, of the State of Florida; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed the reconsideration of the bill (S. 153) to amend an act entitled "An act to aid the State of Kentucky, and for other purposes," approved the 29th of January, 1862, returned by the President with his objections; and

On motion by Mr. Simms,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

The bills (H. R. 83, H. R. 84, H. R. 85) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to and made the special order for to-morrow at half past 12 o'clock.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia,

The Senate adjourned.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolutions, reported from the Committee on Foreign Affairs on the 29th ultimo, in relation to sending an envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to His Majesty the Emperor of Mexico.

On the question to agree thereto,

A division of the question was called for by Mr. Clay; and

On the question to agree to the first resolution, advising that an envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary be sent to His Majesty the Emperor of Mexico,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas -----	21
	{ Nays -----	0

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Clay, Dortch, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On the question to agree to the second resolution, advising that negotiations be entered upon with His Majesty the Emperor of Mexico on the basis proposed in the draft of instructions accompanying the President's message,

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the resolution by inserting at the end thereof the words

with the qualification that the reciprocal free trade proposed on the frontier be extended to all the ports of the two countries, and limited to articles the growth, produce, and manufacture thereof, respectively,

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Orr by striking out the words "and manufacture,"

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas -----	8
	{ Nays -----	12

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Clay, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Simms, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Clark, Dortch, Henry, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Phelan, Semmes, and Sparrow.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Orr,
It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas----- 20
 { Nays----- 0

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Caperton, Clark, Clay, Dortch, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Clay, to amend the resolution by adding thereto the words

with the further qualification that the Senate do not advise making a treaty of defensive alliance against the United States for ten years with Mexico,

It was determined in the negative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas} \dots\dots\dots 8 \\ \text{Nays} \dots\dots\dots 12 \end{array} \right.$

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Clay, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia,
Phelan, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Clark, Dortch, Henry, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, Simms, and Sparrow.

On the question to agree to the second resolution as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas----- 12
Nays----- 8

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Clark, Dortch, Henry, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, Simms, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Clay, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Phelan, and Wigfall.

So the resolutions as amended were agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate advise that an envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary be sent to His Majesty the Emperor of Mexico.

Resolved, That the Senate advise that negotiations be entered upon with His Majesty the Emperor of Mexico on the basis proposed in the draft of instructions accompanying the President's message, with the qualification that the reciprocal free trade proposed on the frontier be extended to all the ports of the two countries, and limited to articles the growth, produce, and manufacture thereof, respectively.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred (on the 23d ultimo) the nomination of R. W. Coltart, to be marshal of the district of Alabama, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Hunter,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill to reform the system of enrollments, and particularly to fix some limitation upon the class of persons or officers who may be appointed or assigned to positions of enrolling officers, and to prescribe by whom to be selected or assigned, and to limit the length of time during which any such officer shall be allowed to continue to serve over one and the same district, county, or beat, and to establish some rule or regulation by which an inspector of enrolling districts may be appointed for separate States or sections, and regulations by which such enrolling officers shall be restricted in the number of men placed in the provost guard.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed, unanimously, the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 21) of thanks to Gen. Robert E. Lee and to the officers and soldiers under his command.

And they have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 160) to authorize the appointment of a Third Auditor of the Treasury.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Phelan (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 175) to suspend the writ of habeas corpus in all cases involving the right to subject to military duty persons who have furnished substitutes to the Army of the Confederate States; which was read the first and second times; and

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session for the further consideration of the said bill.

The doors having been opened,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war; and

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session for the further consideration of the said bill.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 5th instant, approved and signed a joint resolution (S. 16) in relation to the public printing.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (H. R. 80) to continue in force an act entitled "An act to provide for the compensation of certain persons therein named," approved May 1, 1863.

The President pro tempore having [signed] the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Z. McDaniel and F. M. Ewing, submitted a report (No. 13) accompanied by

A joint resolution (S. 22) for the benefit of Zedekiah McDaniel, of Kentucky, and Francis M. Ewing, of Mississippi; which was read the first and second times; and

On motion by Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That the resolution and report be printed.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 86) to provide for holding elections for Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States from the State of Missouri; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That the bill (S. 175) to suspend the writ of habeas corpus in all cases involving the right to subject to military duty persons who have furnished substitutes to the Army of the Confederate States be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

The Senate being again in secret legislative session,

On motion by Mr. Caperton, that the bill (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas -----	15
	{ Nays -----	4

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Clay, Dortch, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Phelan, and Simms.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Oldham, Orr, Semmes, and Wigfall.

So it was

Ordered, That the bill (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 175) to suspend the writ of habeas corpus in all cases involving the right to subject to military duty persons who have furnished substitutes to the Army of the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The bill (H. R. 86) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed to and made the special order for to-morrow at 1 o'clock,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas -----	4
	{ Nays -----	16

On motion by Mr. Orr,
 The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative are,
 Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Clay, and Phelan.
 Those who voted in the negative are,
 Messrs. Caperton, Clark, Dortch, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Jemison,
 Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Old-
 ham, Orr, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.
 On motion by Mr. Dortch, to amend the bill by striking out, section
 1, line 3, the word "sixteen" and inserting "eighteen,"
 After debate,
 On motion by Mr. Orr,
 The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Con-
 federate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, January 6, 1864.

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of State, I hereby nominate the
 persons named in the annexed letter to the offices designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
 Richmond, January 6, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following names for appointment:
 Gen. William Preston, of Kentucky, to be envoy extraordinary and minister pleni-
 potentiary of the Confederate States to the Government of Mexico.

Walker Fearn, esq., of Alabama, to be secretary of legation at the City of Mexico.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. P. BENJAMIN,
 Secretary of State.

To the PRESIDENT.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of William Pres-
 ton, to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the
 Confederate States to the Government of Mexico, and Walker Fearn,
 to be secretary of legation at the City of Mexico; and it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment,
 agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, reported the follow-
 ing resolution:

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate is hereby instructed to procure,
 for the use of the Committee on Finance, copies of all the acts of the Provisional and
 Permanent Congress; and it shall be his duty, during the recess of Congress, to take
 charge of and preserve the same for the said committee.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and having been amended, it was agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate is hereby instructed to procure, for the use of the Committee on Finance, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on Military Affairs, copies of all the acts of the Provisional and Permanent Congress; and it shall be his duty, during the recess of Congress, to take charge of and preserve the same for the said committees.

Mr. Phelan (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 176) declaring all persons owing military service to the Confederate States, and who voluntarily depart beyond the boundaries thereof without the written permission of the President, with intent to abandon the same, alien enemies; and subjecting such persons, in all respects, to the laws in relation to the same; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Henry (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 177) to declare certain persons alien enemies, and to sequester their property; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That the resolution of the general assembly of the State of Alabama in relation to the enforcement of the conscript laws of the Confederate States be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Clay (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 178) to provide payment for printing done by authority of the two Houses of Congress; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to provide payment for certain printing therein mentioned; done by authority of the two Houses of Congress."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, from the select committee appointed at the last session to investigate and report, at the present session, upon the expediency of providing for regular and perfect reports of the debates of the Senate, and to prepare a proper system to govern this service, submitted a report (No. 14) accompanied by the following resolutions:

Resolved by the Senate, That a full and fair report of the debates and proceedings of the legislative sessions of the Senate is of the first importance to a just, conscientious, and effective execution of its official duties, and as such is essential to its proper organization.

Resolved, That _____ be, and is hereby, empowered to contract with and employ one or more competent stenographers, whose duty it shall be to report the debates and proceedings of the Senate in open and secret legislative sessions, and who shall become officers of the Senate, enjoying the rights and privileges, and subject to the rules, regulations, and penalties which are or may be hereafter prescribed by the Senate, and who shall take such oath of office as is now prescribed for the officers of the Senate, or as hereafter may be prescribed.

Resolved, That such contract shall be subjected, when completed, to the approval of _____ and shall expressly reserve to the Senate the right to annul the same for any neglect or violation of its terms.

And it shall require the reports of all debates to be written out within five days after delivery, unless for good cause shown, to be judged and determined by the Senate, and shall require the reports so written out to be delivered into the hands of the Secretary, to be by him kept as other records of the Senate.

But the reporter shall prepare, and the Secretary of the Senate shall hold and keep, the reports of the secret sessions of the Senate separate and distinct from those of the open sessions, and subject to the same rules and regulations as may govern in the case of other public or secret records and journals of the acts and proceedings of the Senate of similar character, until such time as proper arrangements shall be made for the immediate publication of the said reports of the public sessions, and also of such of those of the secret sessions as the Senate may have relieved from the injunction of secrecy.

But such removal of the injunction of secrecy shall require a direct vote of the Senate, and shall not be an incident of its removal from the subject-matter of the debate.

And the reporter shall be required so to number and mark, and to give date, and otherwise, if necessary, to systematize and distinguish the debates of the public and secret sessions, respectively, as will enable the editor or publisher of the same to give to each and to all parts of each debate its proper position in the published series.

And the original manuscript of the debates and proceedings in the hands of the Secretary of the Senate, and all parts thereof, shall be held to be Senate records, and shall not be suffered to be copied or withdrawn, in whole or in part, from the custody of the Secretary of the Senate, for publication or other purpose, unless and except by the special order or permission of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That the report and resolutions be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 5th instant he approved and signed the following acts:

H. R. 76. An act to put an end to the exemption from military service of those who have heretofore furnished substitutes; and

H. R. 78. An act providing for filling vacancies of Delegates to Congress in certain Indian nations.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill and an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 174) to authorize the issue of certain bonds for payment to the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company, of the State of Florida, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 83) to authorize the cancellation of certain Confederate States bonds, and the substitution of others for them, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 84) to authorize the appointment of an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury west of the Mississippi, reported it with amendments.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the bill and amendments be printed.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement showing the amount of money received into the Treasury under the sequestration laws up to January 1, 1864; which was read.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

The President pro tempore presented the credentials of the Hon. William E. Simms, chosen a Senator by the governor and council of the provisional government of the State of Kentucky, for the term of six years, from the 18th day of February, 1864; which were read.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled a bill and joint resolution of the following titles:

S. 160. An act to authorize the appointment of a Third Auditor of the Treasury; and

S. 21. Joint resolution of thanks to Gen. Robert E. Lee and to the officers and soldiers under his command.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill and enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment proposed to the bill by Mr. Dortch, viz:

Strike out, section 1, line 3, the word "sixteen" and insert "eighteen,"

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (January 26, 1863) the nomination of Joseph Wheeler, to be major-general, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be not confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed till to-morrow.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (February 27, 1863) the nomination of William Johnston, to be assistant quartermaster, with the rank of captain, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

On motion by Mr. Simms,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed till to-morrow.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred (on the 24th April, 1863) the nomination of J. C. Johnston, to be major, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

On motion by Mr. Simms,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed till to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Lamar, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed, by the required constitutional vote of two-thirds, a bill (H. R. 87) appropriating \$100,000 for the use and benefit of the Cherokee Nation; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate resolutions of the general assembly of the State of Georgia, expressive of the determination of Georgia to prosecute the present war with the utmost vigor and energy; which were read.

Ordered, That they lie upon the table and be printed.

The bill (H. R. 87) communicated this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (H. R. 83) to authorize the cancellation of certain Confederate States bonds, and the substitution of others for them.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., January 7, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, submitting an estimate of the amount "necessary for the payment of interest on the removal and subsistence fund due the Cherokee Indians in North Carolina."

I recommend an appropriation of the sum specified for the purpose indicated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., January 7, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering copies of several additional reports of military operations.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., January 8, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering copies of the "report of Gen. J. E. Johnston, of his operations in the Department of Mississippi and East Louisiana," and of the "report of Lieut. Gen. J. C. Pemberton, of the battles of Port Gibson, Baker's Creek, and the siege of Vicksburg," to which is appended a copy of correspondence of the Department with him relative to some points of the report which were thought to require explanation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., January 7, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering copies of several additional reports of military operations.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., January 7, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering a copy of the report of Brig. Gen. R. S. Ripley, "of operations from August 21 to September 10, 1863."

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment proposed to the bill by Mr. Dortch, viz:

Strike out, section 1, line 3, the word "sixteen" and insert "eighteen,"

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Clark,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, January 7, 1864.

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Attorney-General, I hereby nominate James O. Fuqua, to be marshal for the district of Louisiana.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

Richmond, January 6, 1864.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend James O. Fuqua for appointment as marshal of the district of Louisiana.

Your obedient servant,

GEO. DAVIS,

Attorney-General.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of James O. Fuqua, to be marshal for the district of Louisiana; and it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nomination of William Johnston, to be assistant quartermaster, with the rank of captain; and it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, January 8, 1864.

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Richmond, January 2, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Assistant adjutant-general—captain.

Joseph Kelly, of Missouri, to take rank from October 5, 1862.

Adjutants—first lieutenants.

W. H. H. Thomas, of Missouri, for duty with Twelfth Missouri Regiment, to take rank from October 24, 1862.

Edward Warburg, of Louisiana, for duty with Sixteenth Missouri Regiment, to take rank from November 1, 1862.

S. M. Morrison, of Missouri, for duty with Pindall's Battalion Sharpshooters, to take rank from December 15, 1862.

Brigade quartermaster—major.

P. J. Pindall, of Missouri, to take rank from January 2, 1863.

Assistant quartermasters—captains.

Cyrus Black, of Missouri, to take rank from October 24, 1862.

E. L. Grigsby, of Missouri, to take rank from December 7, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,

Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,

President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *January 8, 1864.*

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, January 2, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

Lieut. Col. A. C. Pickett, of Arkansas, to be colonel Tenth Missouri Regiment, vice Colonel Steen, killed, to rank from December 7, 1862.

Lieut. Col. Simon P. Burns, of Missouri, to be colonel Eleventh Missouri Regiment, vice Colonel Hunter, resigned, to rank from March 24, 1863.

Lieut. Col. L. M. Lewis, of Missouri, to be colonel Sixteenth Missouri Regiment, vice Colonel Caldwell, resigned, to rank from March 24, 1863.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. Willis M. Ponder, of Missouri, to be lieutenant-colonel Twelfth Missouri Regiment, to rank from October 22, 1862.

Maj. W. M. Moore, of Missouri, to be lieutenant-colonel Tenth Missouri Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Pickett, promoted, to rank from December 7, 1862.

Maj. Thomas H. Murray, of Missouri, to be lieutenant-colonel Eleventh Missouri Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Burns, promoted, to rank from March 24, 1863.

Maj. P. W. H. Cumming, of Missouri, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixteenth Missouri Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Lewis, promoted, to rank from March 24, 1863.

Majors.

Capt. S. Harris, of Missouri, to be major Tenth Missouri Regiment, vice Major Moore, promoted, to rank from December 7, 1862.

Capt. James Phillips, of Missouri, to be major Eleventh Missouri Regiment, vice Major Murray, promoted, to rank from March 24, 1863.

Capt. J. P. Herrell, of Missouri, to be major Sixteenth Missouri Regiment, vice Major Cumming, promoted, to rank from March 24, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *January 5, 1864.*

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 8, 1863.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for distinguished valor and skill:

Colonels.

W. D. Robison, of Tennessee, to be colonel Second Tennessee Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

James R. Hagood, of South Carolina, to be colonel First South Carolina Regiment, to rank from November 16, 1863.

Lieutenant-colonels.

J. E. Shelley, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Tenth Alabama Regiment, to rank from July 9, 1863.

W. J. Hale, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Second Tennessee Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

M. L. Kirkpatrick, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifty-first Alabama Regiment, to rank from August 12, 1863.

Majors.

James Gardner, of Georgia, to be major Twenty-seventh Georgia Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

G. W. Day, of Tennessee, to be major Twelfth Tennessee Cavalry Battalion, to rank from August 4, 1863.

Edward Y. Clarke, of Georgia, to be major Sixteenth Georgia Battalion, Partisan Rangers, to rank from September 3, 1863.

Samuel L. Bishop, of Louisiana, to be major Twentieth Louisiana Regiment, to rank from July 7, 1863.

James T. Weaver, of North Carolina, to be major Sixtieth North Carolina Regiment, to rank from October 27, 1863.

Captains.

James F. Fambro, of Georgia, to be captain Company E, Second Georgia Cavalry Regiment, to rank from June 30, 1863.

George W. Booth, of Alabama, to be captain First Maryland Battalion Cavalry, to rank from September 25, 1863.

William B. Turner, of ———, to be captain Smith's Battery of Artillery, to rank from May 2, 1863.

John S. McElderry, of ———, to be captain Company H, Eighth Confederate Regiment, to rank from August 1, 1863.

First lieutenants.

D. P. Oglesby, of Georgia, to be first lieutenant Company D, Seventeenth Georgia Battalion, to rank from May 13, 1863.

E. H. Powell, of Alabama, to be first lieutenant Company K, Twelfth Alabama Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

George W. Bedell, of Alabama, to be first lieutenant Company E, First Alabama Cavalry Regiment, to rank from June 1, 1863.

Samuel D. Buck, of Virginia, to be first lieutenant Company H, Thirteenth Virginia Regiment, to rank from May 20, 1863.

J. W. Lapsley, of Alabama, to be first lieutenant Company E, Fifty-first Alabama Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

J. S. Semple, of Alabama, to be first lieutenant Company I, Fifty-first Alabama Regiment, to rank from July 13, 1863.

J. H. H. Figgat, of Virginia, to be first lieutenant Company F, Twelfth Virginia Regiment, to rank from August 29, 1863.

Robert A. Bright, of Virginia, to be first lieutenant Company B, Fifty-third Virginia Regiment, to rank from October 3, 1863.

Second lieutenants.

R. J. Jordan, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company F, Twenty-first Virginia Regiment, to rank from May 20, 1863.

M. L. Hudgins, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company F, Twenty-first Virginia Regiment, to rank from May 20, 1863.

H. N. Clark, of Florida, to be second lieutenant Company G, Fourth Florida Regiment, to rank from April 26, 1863.

J. S. Addison, of Florida, to be second lieutenant Company G, Fourth Florida Regiment, to rank from April 25, 1863.

H. H. McCrady, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company D, Fourth Virginia Regiment, to rank from May 22, 1863.

Drury Lacy, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company I, Twenty-third Virginia Regiment, to rank from May 21, 1863.

William A. Ryan, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant Company E, Eighth Alabama Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

J. W. Norwood, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant Company A, Third Alabama Cavalry Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

D. E. Bates, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant Jeff. Davis Artillery, to rank from January 20, 1863.

G. C. Foresinger, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company I, Thirty-sixth Virginia Regiment, to rank from May 22, 1863.

C. Berkeley, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant McClanahan's battery, to rank from May 2, 1863.

O. I. Youmans, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company C, Second South Carolina Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

I. J. Horn, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant Company D, Twelfth Alabama Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

J. O. Patten, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant Company I, Twelfth Alabama Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

B. F. O'Neal, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant Company K, Twelfth Alabama Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

M. S. Stringfellow, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company A, Thirteenth Virginia Regiment, to rank from May 20, 1863.

J. A. Walker, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company K, Forty-fifth Virginia Regiment, to rank from June 1, 1863.

W. S. Williamson, of North Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company A, Thirteenth North Carolina Regiment, to rank from May 20, 1863.

J. N. Williamson, of North Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company A, Thirteenth North Carolina Regiment, to rank from May 21, 1863.

John W. Glenn, of North Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company H, Twenty-third North Carolina Regiment, to rank from May 22, 1863.

L. E. Wright, of ———, to be second lieutenant First Battery Artillery, Hardee's Corps, to rank from May 26, 1863.

Joe Turner, of Texas, to be second lieutenant Company K, Fifth Texas Regiment, to rank from June 8, 1863.

E. Borland, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company E, Sixth Virginia Regiment, to rank from May 30, 1863.

L. L. Ducat, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant Company C, Seventh Louisiana Regiment, to rank from June 2, 1863.

J. W. De Roope, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant Company D, Seventh Alabama Regiment, to rank from June 11, 1863.

Benjamin K. Cocke, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company B, Forty-fourth Virginia Regiment, to rank from June 11, 1863.

H. W. Fullenwider, of North Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company E, Twenty-third North Carolina Regiment, to rank from May 21, 1863.

R. A. McClellan, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant Company C, Seventh Alabama Regiment, to rank from June 11, 1863.

W. M. Lawson, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company H, First Virginia Regiment, to rank from June 29, 1863.

N. H. Farley, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company I, Sixtieth Virginia Regiment, to rank from June 25, 1863.

H. M. Cooper, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant Company C, Third Alabama Regiment, to rank from June 26, 1863.

M. C. Toms, of North Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company A, Sixtieth North Carolina Regiment, to rank from July 1, 1863.

W. T. White, of North Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company K, Sixtieth North Carolina Regiment, to rank from July 1, 1863.

R. G. Burgess, of England, to be second lieutenant Massenburg's battery, to rank from July 17, 1863.

L. S. Peyton, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company C, Sixtieth Virginia Regiment, to rank from July 23, 1863.

F. G. Obenchain, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Botetourt Battery, to rank from May 18, 1863.

A. S. Murphy, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant Company C, First Louisiana Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

A. J. Cross, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant Company D, Fifty-first Alabama Regiment, to rank from July 25, 1863.

F. A. Buhrman, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company F, Sixtieth Virginia Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

J. H. Du Bose, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant Company I, Fifty-first Alabama Regiment, to rank from August 4, 1863.

J. Cummings, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant Company B, Fourteenth Louisiana Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from August 29, 1863.

H. Davis, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant Company F, Twentieth Alabama Regiment, to rank from September 1, 1863.

George W. Orear, of Missouri, to be second lieutenant Barret's battery, to rank from September 2, 1863.

T. W. Carville, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company A, Fourteenth South Carolina Regiment, to rank from September 24, 1863.

P. M. Peed, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company I, Ninth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank from October 5, 1863.

W. A. Mickler, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company B, Second South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, to rank from October 15, 1863.

S. L. Blackwell, of North Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company F, Sixteenth North Carolina Regiment, to rank from October 22, 1863.

H. Carter, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant Company E, First Louisiana Cavalry Regiment, to rank from October 27, 1863.

W. H. Hiett, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant Company C, Second Battalion Alabama Legion, to rank from October 13, 1863.

J. W. Harrell, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company A, Fourteenth South Carolina Regiment, to rank from November 5, 1863.

W. F. Durisoe, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company D, Fourteenth South Carolina Regiment, to rank from November 5, 1863.

R. G. Shaw, of Florida, to be second lieutenant Company E, Fourth Florida Regiment, to rank from November 9, 1863.

J. W. Hughes, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company K, Forty-fourth Virginia Regiment, to rank from November 9, 1863.

A. C. Hargrove, of ———, to be second lieutenant Lumsden's battery, to rank from November 12, 1863.

J. D. Read, of Mississippi, to be second lieutenant Company K, Forty-fifth Mississippi Regiment, to rank from November 13, 1863.

C. R. Smith, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant Company C, Fifty-first Alabama Regiment, to rank from November 19, 1863.

W. W. Courtney, of Tennessee, to be second lieutenant Company D, Thirty-second Tennessee Regiment, to rank from November 4, 1863.

B. C. Washington, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company B, Twelfth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank from December 5, 1863.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, January 6, 1864.

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 8, 1863.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Signal officers—second lieutenants.

Charles H. Cawood, of Virginia, to take rank from June 26, 1863.

Edward S. Ruggles, of Texas, to take rank from August 19, 1863.

W. C. Schley, of Maryland, to take rank from November 3, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

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JEFFERSON DAVIS.

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SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Major-generals.

Brig. Gen. R. E. Rhodes, of Alabama, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Brig. Gen. H. Heth, of Virginia, to rank from May 24, 1863.

Brig. Gen. R. Ransom, of North Carolina, to rank from May 26, 1863.

Brig. Gen. A. P. Stewart, of Tennessee, to rank from June 2, 1863.

Brig. Gen. W. H. T. Walker, of Georgia, to rank from May 23, 1863.

Brig. Gen. Stephen D. Lee, of South Carolina, to rank from August 3, 1863.

Brig. Gen. William Smith, of Virginia, to rank from August 12, 1863.

Brig. Gen. C. M. Wilcox, of Tennessee, to rank from August 3, 1863.

Brig. Gen. Wade Hampton, of South Carolina, to rank from August 3, 1863.

Brig. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, of Virginia, to rank from August 3, 1863.

Brig. Gen. Howell Cobb, of Georgia, to rank from September 9, 1863.

Brig. Gen. John A. Wharton, of Texas, to rank from November 10, 1863.

Brig. Gen. William T. Martin, of Mississippi, to rank from November 10, 1863.

Brig. Gen. N. B. Forrest, of Tennessee, to rank from December 4, 1863.

Brigadier-generals.

Col. J. W. Whitfield, of Texas, to rank from May 9, 1863.

Col. J. B. Gordon, of Alabama, to rank from May 7, 1863.

Col. James A. Walker, of Virginia, to rank from May 15, 1863.

Col. John M. Jones, of Virginia, to rank from May 15, 1863.

Col. J. W. Frazer, of Mississippi, to rank from May 19, 1863.

Col. Thomas Green, of Texas, to rank from May 20, 1863.

Col. John Adams, of Tennessee, to rank from December 29, 1862.

Col. J. S. Marmaduke, of Missouri, to rank from November 15, 1862.

Col. Matt W. Ransom, of North Carolina, to rank from June 13, 1863.

Col. A. M. Scales, of North Carolina, to rank from June 13, 1863.

Col. D. H. Cooper, of Mississippi, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Col. H. H. Walker, of Virginia, to rank from July 1, 1863.

Col. Francis M. Cockrell, of Missouri, to rank from July 18, 1863.

Col. J. P. Major, of Louisiana, to rank from July 21, 1863.

Col. O. F. Strahl, of Tennessee, to rank from July 28, 1863.

Col. S. W. Ferguson, of Mississippi, to rank from July 23, 1863.

Col. L. L. Lomax, of Virginia, to rank from July 23, 1863.

Col. L. S. Baker, of North Carolina, to rank from July 23, 1863.
Col. P. D. Roddey, of Alabama, to rank from August 3, 1863.
Col. T. P. Dockery, of Arkansas, to rank from August 10, 1863.
Col. Eppa Hunton, of Virginia, to rank from August 9, 1863.
Col. B. G. Humphreys, of Mississippi, to rank from August 12, 1863.
Col. H. B. Davidson, of Tennessee, to rank from August 18, 1863.
Col. Henry W. Allen, of Louisiana, to rank from August 19, 1863.
Col. Cullen A. Battle, of Alabama, to rank from August 20, 1863.
Col. W. W. Kirkland, of North Carolina, to rank from August 29, 1863.
Col. Goode Bryan, of Georgia, to rank from August 29, 1863.
Col. M. C. Butler, of South Carolina, to rank from September 1, 1863.
Col. W. C. Wickham, of Virginia, to rank from September 1, 1863.
Col. Robert D. Johnston, of North Carolina, to rank from September 1, 1863.
Col. William A. Quarles, of Tennessee, to rank from August 25, 1863.
Col. A. W. Reynolds, of Virginia, to rank from September 14, 1863.
Col. A. Perrin, of South Carolina, to rank from September 10, 1863.
Col. T. N. Waul, of Texas, to rank from September 18, 1863.
Col. E. W. Pettus, of Alabama, to rank from September 18, 1863.
Col. A. L. Long, of Virginia, to rank from September 21, 1863.
Col. H. R. Jackson, of Georgia, to rank from September 21, 1863.
Col. Wirt Adams, of Mississippi, to rank from September 25, 1863.
Col. G. C. Wharton, of Virginia, to rank from July 8, 1863.
Col. James B. Gordon, of North Carolina, to rank from September 28, 1863.
Col. James A. Smith, of Tennessee, to rank from September 30, 1863.
Col. Joseph H. Lewis, of Kentucky, to rank from September 30, 1863.
Col. M. P. Lowrey, of Mississippi, to rank from October 4, 1863.
Col. L. A. Stafford, of Louisiana, to rank from October 8, 1863.
Col. Thomas L. Rosser, of Texas, to rank from September 28, 1863.
Col. Edward Higgins, of Louisiana, to rank from October 29, 1863.
Col. P. M. B. Young, of Georgia, to rank from September 28, 1863.
Col. John T. Morgan, of Alabama, to rank from November 16, 1863.
Col. J. H. Kelly, of Alabama, to rank from November 16, 1863.
Maj. W. Y. C. Humes, of Tennessee, to rank from November 16, 1863.
Col. C. C. Wilson, of Georgia, to rank from November 16, 1863.
Col. J. J. Finley, of Florida, to rank from November 16, 1863.
Col. J. H. Clanton, of Alabama, to rank from November 16, 1863.
Col. A. J. Vaughan, of Tennessee, to rank from November 18, 1863.
Col. George B. Hodge, of Kentucky, to rank from November 20, 1863.
Col. R. V. Richardson, of Tennessee, to rank from December 1, 1863.

Aids-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenant.

John G. Mason, of Virginia, to rank from May 2, 1863.
R. H. Goldsborough, of Virginia, to rank from May 2, 1863.
J. W. Hutchinson, of Alabama, to rank from May 12, 1863.
T. H. Johnston, of Virginia, to rank from May 14, 1863.
J. Adair Murray, of Texas, to rank from May 2, 1863.
George B. Hannah, of Virginia, to rank from May 2, 1863.
S. S. Caddall, of Virginia, to rank from May 23, 1863.
John E. Johnson, of Virginia, to rank from May 25, 1863.
George W. McPhail, of Virginia, to rank from May 28, 1863.
W. L. Wofford, of Georgia, to rank from May 25, 1863.
A. J. Hanson, of Georgia, to rank from May 24, 1863.
James B. Grant, of Georgia, to rank from May 6, 1863.
James T. Brown, of Virginia, to rank from June 8, 1863.
E. M. Hudson, of Virginia, to rank from June 23, 1863.
W. C. Smedes, of Mississippi, to rank from June 26, 1863.
W. M. Shepard, of Alabama, to rank from June 23, 1863.
L. P. Dodge, of Arkansas, to rank from May 2, 1863.
Robert P. Walker, of Virginia, to rank from July 7, 1863.
J. Compton French, of Louisiana, to rank from May 29, 1863.
B. Ridley, jr., of Tennessee, to rank from June 2, 1863.
G. D. Lamar, of Mississippi, to rank from May 23, 1863.
A. Montgomery, of North Carolina, to rank from June 23, 1863.
S. F. Chipley, of Kentucky, to rank from June 24, 1863.
John S. Fairly, of South Carolina, to rank from May 2, 1863.
Fred. W. Smith, of Virginia, to rank from May 2, 1863.
W. E. Huger, of South Carolina, to rank from May 2, 1863.

W. C. Cage, of Mississippi, to rank from July 19, 1863.
 W. C. McCarty, of Texas, to rank from May 13, 1863.
 W. B. Ragan, of Alabama, to rank from August 3, 1863.
 Hanson Thomas, of Alabama, to rank from August 1, 1863.
 Howell Cobb, jr., of Georgia, to rank from August 19, 1863.
 John J. Dupuy, of Virginia, to rank from August 5, 1863.
 M. G. Hudson, of Alabama, to rank from August 3, 1863.
 R. T. Fulgham, of North Carolina, to rank from July 23, 1863.
 Andrew Dunn, of Virginia, to rank from August 24, 1863.
 Henry C. Searcy, of Mississippi, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 John A. Tomlinson, of Mississippi, to rank from August 17, 1863.
 Hugh Kerr, of Virginia, to rank from September 8, 1863.
 John S. Jones, of Virginia, to rank from August 9, 1863.
 John Taylor, of Virginia, to rank from September 11, 1863.
 C. Minnegerode, of Virginia, to rank from September 16, 1863.
 B. W. Dudley, of Kentucky, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 William B. Meares, of North Carolina, to rank from July 1, 1863.
 J. H. Townshend, of Maryland, to rank from September 9, 1863.
 C. R. Godwin, of Georgia, to rank from September 29, 1863.
 James Hunter, of Virginia, to rank from September 10, 1863.
 Randolph Ridgely, of Virginia, to rank from September 3, 1863.
 Henry R. Shorter, of Alabama, to rank from September 15, 1863.
 Thomas Taylor, of South Carolina, to rank from September 22, 1863.
 Ashton Johnson, of Missouri, to rank from October 7, 1863.
 Pope Barrow, of Georgia, to rank from October 11, 1863.
 Theodore F. Davidson, of North Carolina, to rank from May 9, 1863.
 G. A. Hayward, of Mississippi, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 Albert Stoddard, of North Carolina, to rank from October 21, 1863.
 A. J. Hall, of Mississippi, to rank from October 4, 1863.
 D. E. Myers, of Kentucky, to rank from August 1, 1863.
 James R. Yerger, of Mississippi, to rank from July 1, 1863.
 P. B. Winston, of Virginia, to rank from October 23, 1863.
 William D. Gale, of Mississippi, to rank from October 28, 1863.
 Hugh H. Colquitt, of Georgia, to rank from September 22, 1863.
 D. S. Terry, jr., of Texas, to rank from July 19, 1863.
 James R. Curell, of Louisiana, to rank from July 13, 1863.
 O. N. Butler, of South Carolina, to rank from September 1, 1863.
 W. A. M. Patton, of Virginia, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 John M. Jones, of Georgia, to rank from September 28, 1863.
 Henry C. McKay, of Kentucky, to rank from September 30, 1863.
 R. A. Wise, of Virginia, to rank from November 23, 1863.
 Waller R. Bullock, of Kentucky, to rank from November 20, 1863.
 R. S. Abercrombie, of Alabama, to rank from November 16, 1863.
 R. O. Arrington, of Virginia, to rank from November 16, 1863.
 E. J. Martin, of Missouri, to rank from July 1, 1863.
 J. F. Johnston, of North Carolina, to rank from November 17, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
 Richmond, January 6, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, December 8, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Surgeons.

Samuel A. Duval, of Texas, to take rank from May 15, 1863.
Samuel P. Hobgood, of Georgia, to take rank from January 19, 1863.
Charles R. Mason, of Mississippi, to take rank from February 6, 1863.
J. Brown Baxley, of South Carolina, to take rank from March 2, 1863.
H. N. Hollifield, of Georgia, to take rank from March 2, 1863.
John J. Gravatt, of Virginia, to take rank from December 23, 1862.
John H. Pottenger, of Maryland, to take rank from December 18, 1862.
W. Samuel Scott, of Virginia, to take rank from January 1, 1863.
Brodie S. Herndon, of Virginia, to take rank from November 28, 1862.
Paul S. Carrington, of Louisiana, to take rank from February 14, 1863.
William Selden, of Virginia, to take rank from March 16, 1863.
R. F. Hereford, of Louisiana, to take rank from October 10, 1862.
William C. McCaleb, of Mississippi, to take rank from June 14, 1862.
L. Lindsay, of Tennessee, to take rank from August 27, 1862.
T. Westmoreland, of Tennessee, to take rank from January 7, 1862.
Henry Hanslow, of Missouri, to take rank from September 27, 1862.
C. R. Norman, of Mississippi, to take rank from November 4, 1862.
Jonathan J. Jones, of Arkansas, to take rank from December 17, 1862.
Adolphus L. Patten, of Texas, to take rank from December 8, 1862.
Joseph R. Beauchamp, of Texas, to take rank from December 11, 1862.
Henry S. Bacon, of Florida, to take rank from September 3, 1862.
John T. Kilby, of Virginia, to take rank from January 13, 1863.
Edward H. Pritchett, of Alabama, to take rank from February 28, 1863.
George W. Heagy, of Virginia, to take rank from February 19, 1863.
John I. Davis, of Maryland, to take rank from January 19, 1863.
James F. Fryar, of Tennessee, to take rank from April 17, 1862.
John D. Smith, of Tennessee, to take rank from December 8, 1862.
Henry A. Schell, of Tennessee, to take rank from December 9, 1862.
George B. Heard, of Georgia, to take rank from December 10, 1862.
Joshua Gore, of Kentucky, to take rank from October 7, 1862.
Benjamin T. Marshall, of Kentucky, to take rank from September 29, 1862.
John L. Dismukes, of Kentucky, to take rank from November 10, 1862.
Joel Hall, of Mississippi, to take rank from May 6, 1862.
George W. Burton, of Tennessee, to take rank from September 29, 1862.
John B. Jackson, of Kentucky, to take rank from September 29, 1862.
Alexander Erskine, of Tennessee, to take rank from November 16, 1862.
Hamilton Griffin, of Kentucky, to take rank from January 26, 1862.
William Singleton, of Kentucky, to take rank from February 17, 1863.
William Aills, of Mississippi, to take rank from August 24, 1862.
T. W. Bedford, of Kentucky, to take rank from September 29, 1862.
Lewis C. Pyncheon, of Alabama, to take rank from December 3, 1862.
Benjamin E. Dickinson, of Tennessee, to take rank from October 30, 1862.
Samuel F. Turner, of Arkansas, to take rank from November 28, 1862.
George N. Webb, of Kentucky, to take rank from November 27, 1862.
Jesse G. Core, of Tennessee, to take rank from November 26, 1862.
William J. Byrne, of Kentucky, to take rank from November 26, 1862.
William F. Beard, of Kentucky, to take rank from November 26, 1862.
Albert R. Erskine, of Alabama, to take rank from November 25, 1862.
Thomas W. Foster, of Kentucky, to take rank from October 1, 1862.
Robert S. Wendel, of Tennessee, to take rank from November 25, 1862.
Henry H. Clayton, of Tennessee, to take rank from June 4, 1862.
Erasmus D. Eiland, of Alabama, to take rank from November 11, 1862.
John C. Nicholson, of Alabama, to take rank from November 1, 1862.
John W. Gulick, of Texas, to take rank from August 1, 1862.
Hugh G. Smith, of Kentucky, to take rank from September 14, 1862.
P. Brown Scott, of Kentucky, to take rank from May 1, 1862.
James McC. Greene, of Mississippi, to take rank from January 4, 1863.
James M. Jackson, of Tennessee, to take rank from January 3, 1863.
H. Lee Parsons, of Arkansas, to take rank from September 1, 1862.
John B. Newton, of Virginia, to take rank from December 29, 1862.

M. N. Fleming, of Virginia, to take rank from December 29, 1862.
Robert Lebby, jr., of South Carolina, to take rank from February 27, 1863.
E. M. Jenkins, of South Carolina, to take rank from February 23, 1863.
William S. Lee, of Florida, to take rank from February 20, 1863.
C. C. Abernathy, of Tennessee, to take rank from December 3, 1862.
John H. Erskine, of Tennessee, to take rank from November 29, 1862.
F. S. S. McMahon, of Alabama, to take rank from August 23, 1862.
Rawlings Young, of Virginia, to take rank from July 24, 1862.
J. V. Childress, of Mississippi, to take rank from July 14, 1862.
Thomas P. Bailey, of South Carolina, to take rank from November 26, 1862.
James Guild, jr., of Alabama, to take rank from November 26, 1862.
James B. Cowan, of Mississippi, to take rank from November 25, 1862.
Richard D. Stevenson, of Kentucky, to take rank from November 21, 1862.
John F. Kennedy, of Mississippi, to take rank from March 1, 1863.
George C. Catlett, of Missouri, to take rank from November 28, 1862.
Benjamin D. Lay, of Mississippi, to take rank from September 16, 1862.
James L. Cunningham, of Alabama, to take rank from November 27, 1862.
Thomas S. Foster, of Missouri, to take rank from January 6, 1863.
John T. Marable, of Tennessee, to take rank from November 13, 1861.
William T. Sawyer, of Alabama, to take rank from February 10, 1863.
William H. Cooper, of Tennessee, to take rank from July 12, 1862.
O. P. Langworthy, of Louisiana, to take rank from June 1, 1862.
M. J. Bolan, of Georgia, to take rank from December 19, 1862.
Francis L. Parker, of South Carolina, to take rank from January 31, 1863.
George E. Trescott, of South Carolina, to take rank from January 28, 1863.
John G. Dudley, of South Carolina, to take rank from January 24, 1863.
Oscar F. Baxter, of Virginia, to take rank from January 22, 1863.
Frank A. Walke, of Virginia, to take rank from January 5, 1863.
Joseph B. Stovall, of South Carolina, to take rank from January 3, 1863.
James R. Bratton, of South Carolina, to take rank from January 2, 1863.
Jackson Chambliss, of Louisiana, to take rank from January 1, 1863.
T. J. La F. De Yampert, of Georgia, to take rank from December 30, 1862.
J. Edward Hall, of Maryland, to take rank from December 24, 1862.
John G. Boatright, of Virginia, to take rank from December 12, 1862.
John C. Mercer, of Virginia, to take rank from September 17, 1862.
George W. Graves, of Alabama, to take rank from December 3, 1862.
T. F. Duncan, of Alabama, to take rank from January 23, 1863.
Archibald Taylor, of Virginia, to take rank from November 14, 1862.
John W. Ashby, of Virginia, to take rank from February 13, 1863.
R. S. J. Peebles, of Virginia, to take rank from July 22, 1862.
Jesse P. Hope, of Virginia, to take rank from March 11, 1863.
Thomas R. Micks, of Louisiana, to take rank from March 15, 1863.
F. W. Roddey, of Virginia, to take rank from February 17, 1863.
James L. Fite, of Tennessee, to take rank from February 27, 1863.
Jacob M. Dennis, of Virginia, to take rank from February 27, 1863.
Edwin D. Newton, of Georgia, to take rank from February 19, 1863.
W. Henry Sheild, of Virginia, to take rank from February 16, 1863.
T. C. Hill, of Alabama, to take rank from February 12, 1863.
Benjamin F. Brown, of South Carolina, to take rank from February 7, 1863.
William H. Baptist, of Alabama, to take rank from February 5, 1863.
A. G. Emory, of Alabama, to take rank from January 26, 1863.
John G. Trevilian, of Virginia, to take rank from January 26, 1863.
Tazewell Tyler, of Virginia, to take rank from January 26, 1863.
Robert M. Terrill, of Virginia, to take rank from January 25, 1863.
Harold Snowden, of Virginia, to take rank from January 19, 1863.
Samuel P. Johnson, of Florida, to take rank from January 15, 1863.
Edward Reeves, of Virginia, to take rank from January 13, 1863.
George T. Harrison, of Virginia, to take rank from January 12, 1863.
Robert H. Jordan, of South Carolina, to take rank from January 12, 1863.
Augustus A. Lyon, of Mississippi, to take rank from January 10, 1863.
James W. Hines, of Virginia, to take rank from January 9, 1863.
Walter H. Drane, of Georgia, to take rank from January 6, 1863.
Andrew Ewing, of Texas, to take rank from January 2, 1863.
William O. Hudson, of Alabama, to take rank from January 2, 1863.
Benjamin Franklin, of Tennessee, to take rank from February 25, 1863.
J. J. Simkins, of Virginia, to take rank from October 13, 1862.
John Parks, of Virginia, to take rank from November 13, 1862.

G. W. Broach, of Mississippi, to take rank from October 2, 1862.
James A. Bizzell, of North Carolina, to take rank from November 17, 1862.
James P. Bryan, of North Carolina, to take rank from August 8, 1862.
D. Port Smythe, of Texas, to take rank from July 6, 1862.
Holmes Steele, of Florida, to take rank from December 15, 1862.
W. E. Weatherly, of Louisiana, to take rank from November 26, 1862.
A. B. Flint, of Texas, to take rank from November 20, 1862.
John W. Keyes, of Alabama, to take rank from November 5, 1862.
Samuel H. Langdon, of North Carolina, to take rank from September 27, 1861.
William C. Boon, of Missouri, to take rank from October 4, 1862.
L. McR. Gregorie, of South Carolina, to take rank from February 13, 1863.
R. B. Hanahan, of South Carolina, to take rank from March 30, 1863.
Somervill Burke, of Mississippi, to take rank from April 24, 1863.
Jerome Cochran, of Mississippi, to take rank from June 9, 1862.
R. V. Leach, of Virginia, to take rank from July 24, 1862.
Alex. Hunter, of Tennessee, to take rank from June 1, 1863.
Thomas B. Ward, of Virginia, to take rank from November 7, 1862.
Charles E. Bellamy, of Mississippi, to take rank from May 7, 1863.
Thomas B. Lane, of Virginia, to take rank from March 19, 1863.
Robert C. Foster, of Georgia, to take rank from January 17, 1863.
T. H. B. Williams, of Mississippi, to take rank from April 23, 1863.
R. T. De Aragon, of Tennessee, to take rank from April 20, 1863.
Robert P. Hunt, of Louisiana, to take rank from February 3, 1863.
J. T. Hill, of Louisiana, to take rank from February 25, 1863.
William W. Lambdin, of Arkansas, to take rank from March 7, 1863.
James Huston, of Mississippi, to take rank from March 7, 1863.
James M. Hoyle, of Mississippi, to take rank from March 12, 1863.
William H. Sanders, of Alabama, to take rank from March 6, 1863.
Francis L. Frost, of South Carolina, to take rank from March 7, 1863.
George L. Kirby, of North Carolina, to take rank from August 15, 1862.
Lewis E. Gott, of District of Columbia, to take rank from March 9, 1863.
Solomon Secord, of Canada, to take rank from March 10, 1863.
W. H. Daughtry, of North Carolina, to take rank from January 25, 1863.
Philip B. Baker, of Virginia, to take rank from March 14, 1863.
Arthur R. Barry, of Maryland, to take rank from March 16, 1863.
Francis T. Fry, of Virginia, to take rank from March 16, 1863.
James B. Brown, of Georgia, to take rank from March 23, 1863.
Henry M. Clarkson, of South Carolina, to take rank from March 23, 1863.
John N. R. Monmonier, of Maryland, to take rank from March 24, 1863.
Henry W. Waters, of Texas, to take rank from April 7, 1863.
James Evans, of Arkansas, to take rank from April 8, 1863.
Andrew Bowie, of Alabama, to take rank from April 9, 1863.
James J. Winn, of Alabama, to take rank from April 9, 1863.
W. T. Montgomery, of Maryland, to take rank from April 10, 1863.
O. R. Horton, of South Carolina, to take rank from April 13, 1863.
Sampson Pope, of South Carolina, to take rank from January 1, 1863.
J. St. P. Gibson, of Virginia, to take rank from April 18, 1863.
H. H. Hunter, of North Carolina, to take rank from April 27, 1863.
R. L. Taggart, of Mississippi, to take rank from May 1, 1863.
Joseph Harrison, of Alabama, to take rank from May 4, 1863.
J. W. Singleton, of Kentucky, to take rank from May 15, 1863.
Frederic Hunter, of Maryland, to take rank from May 20, 1863.
J. Curtis Jones, of Texas, to take rank from May 20, 1863.
Robert J. Bell, of Missouri, to take rank from April 8, 1863.
Jesse W. Hill, of Mississippi, to take rank from April 6, 1863.
Russell McCord, of Alabama, to take rank from April 27, 1863.
Benjamin S. Gillespie, of Kentucky, to take rank from April 27, 1863.
William F. Robertson, of South Carolina, to take rank from March 9, 1863.
P. H. Hamilton, of Mississippi, to take rank from March 24, 1863.
George B. Moffett, of Virginia, to take rank from April 14, 1863.
E. Sidney Lewis, of Louisiana, to take rank from March 18, 1863.
Samuel M. Berniss, of Kentucky, to take rank from March 11, 1863.
William A. Evans, of Mississippi, to take rank from March 11, 1863.
N. D. Richardson, of Alabama, to take rank from March 6, 1863.
A. Martin, of Louisiana, to take rank from April 1, 1863.
James H. Wilson, of Mississippi, to take rank from April 3, 1863.
Horace M. Darling, of Arkansas, to take rank from June 1, 1861.

David R. Fox, of Louisiana, to take rank from April 4, 1863.
C. K. Caruthers, of Mississippi, to take rank from April 24, 1863.
James McCauley, of South Carolina, to take rank from April 20, 1863.
William F. Steuart, of Maryland, to take rank from April 17, 1863.
S. W. Caldwell, of Tennessee, to take rank from April 27, 1863.
William J. Mitchell, of Alabama, to take rank from March 21, 1863.
R. M. Sutfield, of Kentucky, to take rank from April 29, 1863.
William C. Nichols, of Tennessee, to take rank from March 23, 1862.
John G. Howard, of Georgia, to take rank from December 24, 1862.
John E. Holbrook, of South Carolina, to take rank from April 25, 1863.
James Bolton, of Virginia, to take rank from May 30, 1862.
Paul C. Yates, of Missouri, to take rank from January 17, 1863.
N. N. Pumphrey, of Missouri, to take rank from April 8, 1863.
R. De Jernett, of Texas, to take rank from December 1, 1862.
Isaac S. Taylor, of Texas, to take rank from November 7, 1862.
William E. Brock, of Georgia, to take rank from January 7, 1863.
John R. Ward, of Virginia, to take rank from June 22, 1863.
Thomas S. Thomson, of South Carolina, to take rank from July 28, 1863.
W. H. Priolean, of South Carolina, to take rank from June 19, 1863.
J. M. Heard, of Mississippi, to take rank from August 18, 1862.
P. J. McCormick, of Mississippi, to take rank from May 7, 1863.
John S. Pride, of Tennessee, to take rank from June 10, 1863.
F. B. Henderson, of Alabama, to take rank from May 8, 1863.
Charles Witsell, of South Carolina, to take rank from May 15, 1863.
Junius Michie, of Virginia, to take rank from May 16, 1863.
John H. Logan, of South Carolina, to take rank from May 18, 1863.
Robert S. Baldwin, of Virginia, to take rank from May 21, 1863.
William U. Morris, of Maryland, to take rank from May 23, 1863.
John Clopton, of Virginia, to take rank from May 27, 1863.
Carter R. Willson, of Tennessee, to take rank from May 16, 1863.
William G. Little, of Alabama, to take rank from May 20, 1863.
John P. McGhee, of Tennessee, to take rank from May 26, 1863.
Benjamin H. Riggs, of Alabama, to take rank from May 27, 1863.
Henry J. Warmuth, of Georgia, to take rank from May 22, 1863.
Thomas R. Wingo, of Tennessee, to take rank from June 3, 1863.
William D. Tucker, of Tennessee, to take rank from June 9, 1863.
P. S. Postell, of South Carolina, to take rank from June 5, 1863.
William A. Mulkey, of Tennessee, to take rank from July 9, 1863.
D. H. Dungan, of Tennessee, to take rank from July 9, 1863.
R. McG. Lytle, of Tennessee, to take rank from July 11, 1863.
William R. Walker, of Arkansas, to take rank from May 1, 1863.
Alphus Dunlop, of Tennessee, to take rank from August 18, 1862.
John D. Smith, of Tennessee, to take rank from May 15, 1863.
T. M. Matthews, of Texas, to take rank from September 15, 1862.
S. W. Jones, of Arkansas, to take rank from May 20, 1863.
T. G. Richardson, of Louisiana, to take rank from December 25, 1862.
John S. Fenner, of Tennessee, to take rank from May 16, 1863.
James A. Groves, of Virginia, to take rank from August 23, 1862.
J. C. Thomas, of Mississippi, to take rank from June 28, 1862.
L. Shackelford, of Mississippi, to take rank from July 1, 1862.
R. R. Stevenson, of Kentucky, to take rank from May 22, 1862.
A. B. Snell, of Virginia, to take rank from June 8, 1863.
R. E. Richardson, of Tennessee, to take rank from July 1, 1862.
Robert F. Carlin, of Tennessee, to take rank from June 30, 1862.
William H. Hawkins, of Mississippi, to take rank from April 15, 1862.
Alfred Hall, of Louisiana, to take rank from May 14, 1863.
Jos. L. Bevans, of Alabama, to take rank from May 12, 1863.
P. C. Winn, of Alabama, to take rank from February 2, 1863.
William C. Dixon, of Louisiana, to take rank from June 29, 1863.
George A. Cracraft, of Virginia, to take rank from June 13, 1863.
William R. Johnston, of Louisiana, to take rank from April 13, 1863.
A. L. Mackay, of Great Britain, to take rank from May 14, 1863.
John H. Thomson, of Florida, to take rank from June 8, 1863.
George M. McDowell, of Georgia, to take rank from June 27, 1863.
E. B. Johnston, of Alabama, to take rank from August 18, 1862.
John W. Eppes, of Florida, to take rank from July 6, 1863.
Ambrose W. Hodge, of Tennessee, to take rank from May 9, 1863.
Thomas H. Hollis, of Texas, to take rank from May 2, 1863.

John A. Love, of Mississippi, to take rank from May 1, 1863.
W. J. Goodman, of Texas, to take rank from July 28, 1862.
Thomas T. Beall, of Mississippi, to take rank from May 5, 1863.
Charles B. Talbutt, of Mississippi, to take rank from March 9, 1863.
Joseph E. Dixon, of Tennessee, to take rank from July 24, 1863.
Thomas W. Roane, of Tennessee, to take rank from April 22, 1862.
J. W. King, of Tennessee, to take rank from January 1, 1862.
Benjamin F. Cross, of Alabama, to take rank from December 20, 1862.
Julius Johnson, of Tennessee, to take rank from December 11, 1862.
A. T. Pearsall, of Alabama, to take rank from May 30, 1863.
James W. Hughes, of Kentucky, to take rank from July 13, 1863.
John Ward, of Virginia, to take rank from December 18, 1862.
William H. Galt, of Virginia, to take rank from December 19, 1862.
David Keller, of Kentucky, to take rank from September 2, 1862.
David Wade, of Virginia, to take rank from August 22, 1862.
D. Warren Brickell, of Louisiana, to take rank from October 30, 1862.
A. B. Brashear, of Louisiana, to take rank from October 14, 1862.
W. A. Martin, of Alabama, to take rank from October 9, 1862.
W. V. Aderhold, of Georgia, to take rank from November 21, 1862.

Assistant surgeons.

George T. Erwin, of Kentucky, to take rank from September 29, 1862.
Henry B. Malone, of Alabama, to take rank from December 10, 1862.
William R. Hughes, of Tennessee, to take rank from December 10, 1862.
Arthur B. Terrell, of Alabama, to take rank from December 10, 1862.
W. A. Portwood, of Mississippi, to take rank from December 9, 1862.
F. A. Toomer, of Georgia, to take rank from December 9, 1862.
W. W. James, of Alabama, to take rank from December 9, 1862.
Thomas Turner, of Florida, to take rank from December 9, 1862.
D. George Godwin, of Tennessee, to take rank from December 8, 1862.
R. Arnold Smith, of Alabama, to take rank from December 8, 1862.
Jessee Hill, of Tennessee, to take rank from December 8, 1862.
C. C. Gannaway, of Arkansas, to take rank from October 1, 1862.
J. Clarence Treadwell, of Arkansas, to take rank from December 8, 1862.
Arthur L. Foreman, of Kentucky, to take rank from September 29, 1862.
Oliver C. Kidder, of Tennessee, to take rank from December 8, 1862.
W. W. Cleaver, of Kentucky, to take rank from December 7, 1862.
William L. Graves, of Arkansas, to take rank from December 6, 1862.
W. H. McCord, of Tennessee, to take rank from December 5, 1862.
L. B. McCrary, of Tennessee, to take rank from December 5, 1862.
Rufus K. Stevens, of Mississippi, to take rank from December 5, 1862.
John S. Fenner, of Tennessee, to take rank from December 5, 1862.
Edwin M. Shepard, of Texas, to take rank from December 4, 1862.
William G. Drake, of Alabama, to take rank from December 3, 1862.
P. Henry Wright, of Louisiana, to take rank from December 3, 1862.
Alfred B. Deloach, of Texas, to take rank from December 3, 1862.
V. G. Woodhouse, of Mississippi, to take rank from December 3, 1862.
Alfred Jones, of Tennessee, to take rank from December 2, 1862.
Frank Atkinson, of Kentucky, to take rank from December 2, 1862.
Benjamin R. Donelson, of Arkansas, to take rank from November 29, 1862.
Carter R. Willson, of Tennessee, to take rank from November 7, 1862.
S. P. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, to take rank from November 21, 1862.
T. L. Dodge, of Kentucky, to take rank from November 21, 1862.
Andrew J. Borroum, of Mississippi, to take rank from November 22, 1862.
John E. Pugh, of Louisiana, to take rank from November 22, 1862.
Dearing J. Roberts, of Tennessee, to take rank from November 24, 1862.
James A. Moore, of Alabama, to take rank from November 25, 1862.
Sanford F. Young, of Mississippi, to take rank from November 25, 1862.
William A. Cochran, of Alabama, to take rank from November 25, 1862.
John C. W. Stigel, of Tennessee, to take rank from November 24, 1862.
William E. Arnold, of Arkansas, to take rank from November 26, 1862.
W. Reid Hurst, of Georgia, to take rank from November 26, 1862.
Frank M. Ferrell, of Mississippi, to take rank from November 27, 1862.
Robert Darrington, of Alabama, to take rank from November 27, 1862.
Isaac W. Graham, of South Carolina, to take rank from November 27, 1862.
J. S. Pitts, of Alabama, to take rank from November 27, 1862.

William M. Mayes, of Alabama, to take rank from November 28, 1862.
Aylett C. Raines, of Kentucky, to take rank from August 15, 1862.
Richard E. Mudd, of Kentucky, to take rank from November 28, 1862.
A. L. Graves, of Arkansas, to take rank from November 28, 1862.
John Orlando Scott, of Kentucky, to take rank from February 15, 1862.
John P. Campbell, of Kentucky, to take rank from September 7, 1862.
Joseph F. Alsop, of Tennessee, to take rank from May 14, 1862.
N. B. Moss, of Louisiana, to take rank from October 13, 1862.
Allen G. Gooch, of Tennessee, to take rank from May 26, 1862.
John L. Vertress, of Kentucky, to take rank from August 19, 1862.
Benjamin L. Hester, of Tennessee, to take rank from October 1, 1862.
Thomas L. B. Brown, of Tennessee, to take rank from May 15, 1862.
T. J. Mitchell, of Georgia, to take rank from December 3, 1862.
Fugate Clarke, of Virginia, to take rank from December 20, 1862.
J. Howard Purefoy, of Alabama, to take rank from December 5, 1862.
J. Byrd Vann, of Alabama, to take rank from January 21, 1863.
Jos. C. Hamilton, of Alabama, to take rank from December 5, 1862.
William C. Rigg, of Kentucky, to take rank from October 5, 1862.
Joseph C. Beard, of Louisiana, to take rank from December 2, 1862.
Ignatius D. Thomson, of Virginia, to take rank from December 8, 1862.
Thomas J. Kinchley, of Georgia, to take rank from December 8, 1862.
F. Anderson, of South Carolina, to take rank from December 19, 1862.
John A. Dunn, of Alabama, to take rank from December 19, 1862.
Javan Bryant, of South Carolina, to take rank from December 30, 1862.
Hugh W. Caffey, of Alabama, to take rank from December 30, 1862.
William P. Finley, of Mississippi, to take rank from December 29, 1862.
Richard O'Leary, of Mississippi, to take rank from December 24, 1862.
John C. Gregory, of Virginia, to take rank from December 23, 1862.
Edmund S. Pendleton, of Virginia, to take rank from December 23, 1862.
Russell Murdoch, of Virginia, to take rank from December 20, 1862.
N. A. Morgan, of Alabama, to take rank from December 6, 1862.
Thomas M. Stuart, of South Carolina, to take rank from December 10, 1862.
Leonidas Crews, of Georgia, to take rank from December 13, 1862.
W. Pope Riddell, of Alabama, to take rank from February 13, 1862.
Darby Henagan, of Alabama, to take rank from December 13, 1862.
John W. Calhoun, of South Carolina, to take rank from December 19, 1862.
Elihu Toland, of South Carolina, to take rank from December 22, 1862.
Robert M. Muldrow, of South Carolina, to take rank from January 10, 1863.
Benjamin L. Seago, of Texas, to take rank from January 13, 1863.
N. B. Drewry, of Georgia, to take rank from January 21, 1863.
J. Newton Cheney, of Georgia, to take rank from February 10, 1863.
J. Henry Bass, of Louisiana, to take rank from February 11, 1863.
James P. Richardson, of South Carolina, to take rank from February 25, 1863.
William Duncan, of Georgia, to take rank from January 11, 1863.
Thomas J. Vance, of Louisiana, to take rank from January 15, 1863.
Benjamin F. Walker, of South Carolina, to take rank from January 15, 1863.
A. A. Moore, of South Carolina, to take rank from January 15, 1863.
W. Lewis Reese, of Georgia, to take rank from January 20, 1863.
E. Alonzo Ligon, of Alabama, to take rank from January 21, 1863.
John P. Mushat, of Alabama, to take rank from January 27, 1863.
W. Green Stephens, of North Carolina, to take rank from January 30, 1863.
T. Young Aby, of Louisiana, to take rank from January 31, 1863.
G. L. Strait, of South Carolina, to take rank from February 20, 1863.
W. E. Pearson, of Alabama, to take rank from May 23, 1863.
Andrew S. Fox, of Mississippi, to take rank from December 24, 1862.
John R. Little, of South Carolina, to take rank from January 5, 1863.
John J. Bozeman, of South Carolina, to take rank from August 1, 1862.
J. Newton Doyle, of South Carolina, to take rank from January 8, 1863.
George E. Carleton, of Georgia, to take rank from January 8, 1863.
W. A. Washington, of Virginia, to take rank from January 9, 1863.
L. De Witt McMannen, of North Carolina, to take rank from January 10, 1863.
Robert T. Ellett, of Virginia, to take rank from January 10, 1863.
Robert G. Holloway, of Virginia, to take rank from January 10, 1863.
John H. Logan, of South Carolina, to take rank from January 12, 1863.
* William S. Frierson, of Texas, to take rank from January 30, 1863.
Theodorick M. Shaw, of South Carolina, to take rank from January 13, 1863.
T. W. Dandridge, of Texas, to take rank from January 13, 1863.

Phil. T. Woodson, of Texas, to take rank from January 14, 1863.
Robert M. Patterson, of South Carolina, to take rank from January 20, 1863.
Henry R. Christmas, of Mississippi, to take rank from January 21, 1863.
Abner J. Gupton, of Tennessee, to take rank from February 16, 1862.
T. M. Logan, jr., of South Carolina, to take rank from April 25, 1862.
James W. Bennett, of Mississippi, to take rank from August 4, 1862.
T. Alfred Catchings, of Mississippi, to take rank from September 25, 1862.
John L. H. Sessum, of Tennessee, to take rank from September 26, 1862.
L. F. Morehead, of Louisiana, to take rank from October 9, 1862.
Erasmus D. Moore, of Mississippi, to take rank from October 25, 1862.
William Wallace Cross, of Louisiana, to take rank from November 10, 1862.
James Y. Bradfield, of Texas, to take rank from December 23, 1862.
Jos. Getzweiler, of Missouri, to take rank from December 24, 1862.
Monroe M. Johnson, of Tennessee, to take rank from January 12, 1862.
Charles H. Burton, of Kentucky, to take rank from January 29, 1863.
David S. Boyle, of Maryland, to take rank from January 22, 1863.
Andrew J. Almond, of Virginia, to take rank from January 27, 1863.
John A. Feild, of Virginia, to take rank from January 27, 1863.
William W. Coggin, of North Carolina, to take rank from January 28, 1863.
W. Wyatt Dickie, of Alabama, to take rank from January 29, 1863.
Lewis L. Newsom, of Florida, to take rank from February 13, 1863.
W. J. Scull, of Florida, to take rank from February 13, 1863.
Fielding P. Sloan, of Tennessee, to take rank from March 12, 1863.
Richard W. P'Anson, of Virginia, to take rank from February 1, 1863.
Gaines M. Boynton, of Texas, to take rank from December 6, 1862.
Nicholas H. Boring, of Texas, to take rank from December 10, 1862.
Robert P. Sweat, of Texas, to take rank from December 16, 1862.
J. Marshal Lennard, of Alabama, to take rank from January 19, 1863.
Fleming J. Mathews, of Georgia, to take rank from February 25, 1863.
John J. A. Smith, of Alabama, to take rank from May 15, 1862.
Thomas P. Shields, of Virginia, to take rank from February 7, 1863.
Charles A. Bates, of Alabama, to take rank from February 17, 1863.
Henry Marriott, of Maryland, to take rank from February 24, 1863.
T. W. Glocker, of Maryland, to take rank from February 26, 1863.
John T. McLean, of North Carolina, to take rank from March 3, 1863.
Carl H. A. Kleinschmidt, of District of Columbia, to take rank from March 3, 1863.
Charles Gresham, of Virginia, to take rank from March 4, 1863.
W. Carr Shackelford, of Virginia, to take rank from February 11, 1863.
Logan H. Robinson, of Virginia, to take rank from February 11, 1863.
James P. Cooke, of Texas, to take rank from February 12, 1863.
Robert G. Howard, of Texas, to take rank from February 12, 1863.
Richard A. Harrell, of Virginia, to take rank from February 13, 1863.
S. Moore Brown, of South Carolina, to take rank from February 13, 1863.
Spencer G. Welch, of South Carolina, to take rank from February 14, 1863.
H. Washington Williams, of Georgia, to take rank from February 14, 1863.
John L. Cannon, of South Carolina, to take rank from February 14, 1863.
Walter W. Scott, of Mississippi, to take rank from February 17, 1863.
Thomas F. Wood, of North Carolina, to take rank from February 18, 1863.
James T. Wilkins, of Georgia, to take rank from February 19, 1863.
James S. Stephenson, of Georgia, to take rank from February 19, 1863.
W. H. H. Cobb, of North Carolina, to take rank from February 20, 1863.
J. Bryant Stinson, of Alabama, to take rank from February 20, 1863.
Robert A. Warnock, of Georgia, to take rank from February 21, 1863.
Albert C. Schell, of South Carolina, to take rank from February 26, 1863.
Frank Gale, of Maryland, to take rank from February 26, 1863.
Richard S. Dunlop, of South Carolina, to take rank from February 27, 1863.
John H. Hicks, of North Carolina, to take rank from February 28, 1863.
D. McL. Graham, of North Carolina, to take rank from March 2, 1863.
Marshall T. Bell, of North Carolina, to take rank from March 10, 1863.
Lawrence H. Prosser, of Mississippi, to take rank from March 11, 1863.
Rollins T. Hart, of Mississippi, to take rank from March 6, 1863.
William S. Nowlin, of Virginia, to take rank from March 6, 1863.
Abner V. Doak, of Virginia, to take rank from March 7, 1863.
J. H. Williams, of Tennessee, to take rank from March 12, 1863.
Moses Richardson, of Georgia, to take rank from March 12, 1863.
Wright H. Lavender, of Alabama, to take rank from March 12, 1863.
William H. Clark, of Georgia, to take rank from March 12, 1863.

J. Marion Soles, of Alabama, to take rank from March 12, 1863.
John Lawson Gunter, of Georgia, to take rank from March 12, 1863.
Benjamin F. Claggett, of Texas, to take rank from March 14, 1863.
John W. Harrow, of Virginia, to take rank from March 18, 1863.
George W. La F. Carr, of Alabama, to take rank from March 19, 1863.
Stephen D. Rowe, of Texas, to take rank from March 23, 1863.
Lewis Berkeley, of Mississippi, to take rank from March 23, 1863.
T. B. Bartlett, of Virginia, to take rank from March 28, 1863.
Charles A. Mitchell, of Alabama, to take rank from March 30, 1863.
Charles T. Richardson, of Virginia, to take rank from March 30, 1863.
Thomas J. Love, of Mississippi, to take rank from December 1, 1862.
Richard S. Napier, of Tennessee, to take rank from December 31, 1862.
Jos. M. Craig, of Louisiana, to take rank from December 31, 1862.
Henry A. Gillespie, of Mississippi, to take rank from February 5, 1863.
Charles O. Helwig, of Mississippi, to take rank from February 5, 1863.
Alexander L. Hamilton, of Tennessee, to take rank from February 5, 1863.
A. B. Brookins, of Texas, to take rank from February 10, 1863.
James B. Gage, of Mississippi, to take rank from February 18, 1863.
J. Howard De Votie, of Georgia, to take rank from February 21, 1863.
Henry M. Peeples, of South Carolina, to take rank from February 23, 1863.
J. Lawson Mapp, of Georgia, to take rank from February 25, 1863.
I. Davis Thompson, of Maryland, to take rank from October 25, 1862.
Francis Walker, of Virginia, to take rank from November 20, 1862.
M. P. Hillyard, of Texas, to take rank from November 20, 1862.
L. N. Sanders, of Tennessee, to take rank from November 17, 1862.
John Work, of Texas, to take rank from November 13, 1862.
N. R. James, of Virginia, to take rank from November 13, 1862.
W. G. Williams, of Virginia, to take rank from September 8, 1862.
J. P. Clements, of Georgia, to take rank from November 8, 1862.
H. S. Bradley, of Georgia, to take rank from November 8, 1862.
William T. Brewer, of North Carolina, to take rank from April 21, 1862.
Samuel F. Meeker, of Louisiana, to take rank from November 5, 1862.
Henry M. Peeples, of North Carolina, to take rank from November 4, 1862.
George W. Monroe, of Georgia, to take rank from October 25, 1862.
J. W. Smith, of Kentucky, to take rank from October 16, 1862.
John S. Peake, of Alabama, to take rank from November 24, 1862.
John M. Hadley, of North Carolina, to take rank from October 2, 1862.
R. H. Lewis, of Texas, to take rank from June 17, 1862.
Joseph L. Alsop, of Tennessee, to take rank from December 18, 1862.
B. A. Cheek, of North Carolina, to take rank from November 26, 1862.
Charles W. Timms, of Virginia, to take rank from November 27, 1862.
A. C. North, of Georgia, to take rank from January 14, 1863.
John F. Locke, of Missouri, to take rank from December 7, 1862.
M. A. Brown, of Missouri, to take rank from April 30, 1863.
Thomas H. Kavanaugh, of Missouri, to take rank from November 10, 1862.
Jesse E. Thompson, of Arkansas, to take rank from September 15, 1862.
T. Smith Trice, of Tennessee, to take rank from March 9, 1863.
J. Chappell Maxwell, of South Carolina, to take rank from March 11, 1863.
Charles Lesesne, of North Carolina, to take rank from March 11, 1863.
Jonah Bivens, of Georgia, to take rank from March 13, 1863.
L. J. Wilson, of Mississippi, to take rank from March 16, 1863.
Samuel H. Smith, of Georgia, to take rank from March 17, 1863.
Samuel G. Mobley, of South Carolina, to take rank from March 17, 1863.
Andrew C. Crombie, of Texas, to take rank from March 25, 1863.
W. R. Hardy, of Alabama, to take rank from March 30, 1863.
Jesse R. Fraley, of North Carolina, to take rank from February 19, 1863.
R. McK. Stribbling, of Virginia, to take rank from March 6, 1863.
Howell R. Foreman, of Alabama, to take rank from March 6, 1863.
John M. Borders, of Mississippi, to take rank from March 6, 1863.
Alexander S. Ashe, of Mississippi, to take rank from March 7, 1863.
J. T. Chandler, of Mississippi, to take rank from March 9, 1863.
Charles C. Thornton, of Mississippi, to take rank from March 9, 1863.
George W. Purnell, of Louisiana, to take rank from March 9, 1863.
Marion L. Mayo, of Virginia, to take rank from April 2, 1863.
T. F. Gilliam, of Virginia, to take rank from April 6, 1863.
Edwin F. de Graffenried, of Georgia, to take rank from April 13, 1863.
W. L. Scaife, of Georgia, to take rank from April 21, 1863.

John R. McDow, of Texas, to take rank from April 7, 1863.
William P. Green, of South Carolina, to take rank from April 11, 1863.
William R. Barron, of South Carolina, to take rank from April 22, 1863.
Jos. L. Stephenson, of Georgia, to take rank from April 24, 1863.
James M. Doby, of Alabama, to take rank from April 30, 1863.
Isaiah J. Cherry, of Virginia, to take rank from April 14, 1863.
W. Munroe Bryan, of Alabama, to take rank from April 20, 1863.
John D. Patton, of South Carolina, to take rank from April 24, 1863.
C. B. Adams, of South Carolina, to take rank from April 28, 1863.
W. W. Campbell, of Cherokee, to take rank from April 10, 1863.
T. Jefferson McKie, of South Carolina, to take rank from April 17, 1863.
James T. Meek, of South Carolina, to take rank from April 22, 1863.
William T. Wellborn, of Alabama, to take rank from April 27, 1863.
Charles E. Dupont, of South Carolina, to take rank from April 29, 1863.
A. S. Martin, of Virginia, to take rank from April 1, 1863.
T. James Wilson, of North Carolina, to take rank from April 2, 1863.
C. T. Ford, of South Carolina, to take rank from April 8, 1863.
Seaborn R. O'Neal, of Georgia, to take rank from March 4, 1863.
William M. Mobley, of Alabama, to take rank from March 19, 1863.
Jacob Huggins, jr., of Alabama, to take rank from March 26, 1863.
Joel W. Franklin, of Virginia, to take rank from April 4, 1863.
George W. Howard, of Mississippi, to take rank from April 6, 1863.
James O. Saunders, of Mississippi, to take rank from April 10, 1863.
L. Clay Harvey, of Mississippi, to take rank from April 17, 1863.
Thomas W. Lilley, of Louisiana, to take rank from April 27, 1863.
Martin V. Thornton, of Mississippi, to take rank from April 1, 1863.
Henry W. Bassett, of Mississippi, to take rank from April 7, 1863.
John R. Sims, of Mississippi, to take rank from April 8, 1863.
John D. Crawford, of Virginia, to take rank from April 11, 1863.
Richard L. Dunn, of Mississippi, to take rank from April 24, 1863.
W. P. Parker, of Georgia, to take rank from March 2, 1863.
W. B. Penn, of Georgia, to take rank from March 9, 1863.
John R. Hoffman, of Alabama, to take rank from March 18, 1863.
Miles W. Goldsby, of Louisiana, to take rank from March 24, 1863.
John C. Booth, of Mississippi, to take rank from April 3, 1863.
S. G. Luckett, of Mississippi, to take rank from April 6, 1863.
William H. Credille, of Alabama, to take rank from April 9, 1863.
John W. Cockerham, of Louisiana, to take rank from April 16, 1863.
William T. Jordan, of Mississippi, to take rank from April 25, 1863.
James H. Simmonds, of Mississippi, to take rank from January 10, 1863.
Thomas J. Turner, of South Carolina, to take rank from March 14, 1863.
William I. Bull, jr., of South Carolina, to take rank from March 21, 1863.
Peter F. Fitzgerald, of Mississippi, to take rank from April 1, 1863.
S. R. Chambers, of Louisiana, to take rank from April 4, 1863.
Benjamin F. Eads, of Texas, to take rank from April 11, 1863.
S. Buford, of Mississippi, to take rank from April 21, 1863.
Jesse C. Houston, of Alabama, to take rank from April 28, 1863.
John A. Beauchamp, of Kentucky, to take rank from April 29, 1863.
Andrew J. Haysett, of Virginia, to take rank from April 4, 1863.
John E. Blocker, of Georgia, to take rank from April 20, 1863.
Charles S. Darby, of South Carolina, to take rank from April 21, 1863.
Hugh W. Tate, of North Carolina, to take rank from April 27, 1863.
William H. Edmondson, of North Carolina, to take rank from April 27, 1863.
F. M. Traylor, of Louisiana, to take rank from April 3, 1863.
David S. Russell, of Virginia, to take rank from April 8, 1863.
Harris Fisher, of Georgia, to take rank from April 11, 1863.
John C. Spinks, of Mississippi, to take rank from April 14, 1863.
Abner E. Arnold, of Louisiana, to take rank from April 9, 1863.
M. W. Drummond, of South Carolina, to take rank from April 10, 1863.
John W. Jones, of Georgia, to take rank from April 11, 1863.
James D. Young, of Georgia, to take rank from April 20, 1863.
John W. Chamblin, of Virginia, to take rank from April 3, 1863.
Thomas P. Hereford, of Virginia, to take rank from April 8, 1863.
John F. Mackey, of South Carolina, to take rank from April 11, 1863.
R. E. Campbell, of Alabama, to take rank from April 13, 1863.
R. G. Southall, of Alabama, to take rank from April 4, 1863.
Charles G. H. Glissman, of Louisiana, to take rank from March 25, 1863.

John W. Bowdoin, of Georgia, to take rank from March 9, 1863.
A. E. Ragland, of Georgia, to take rank from March 16, 1863.
William M. Wells, of Alabama, to take rank from March 22, 1863.
W. H. Wyman, of South Carolina, to take rank from March 11, 1863.
William H. Blair, of Arkansas, to take rank from March 12, 1863.
John A. Barnett, of Mississippi, to take rank from March 28, 1863.
T. Jefferson Spurlock, of Mississippi, to take rank from March 28, 1863.
Calvin N. Silliman, of Mississippi, to take rank from March 30, 1863.
John C. Snead, of Virginia, to take rank from March 12, 1863.
A. A. McKittrick, of Mississippi, to take rank from March 28, 1863.
Daniel E. Byrd, of South Carolina, to take rank from April 6, 1863.
Walter H. Nardin, of South Carolina, to take rank from April 4, 1863.
Bolling H. Jackson, of Alabama, to take rank from April 22, 1863.
W. H. Lipscomb, of Mississippi, to take rank from April 27, 1863.
Thomas H. Moss, of Arkansas, to take rank from April 30, 1863.
John C. Wilburn, of Alabama, to take rank from May 5, 1863.
Samuel R. Williams, of Florida, to take rank from May 13, 1863.
T. Henry Edwards, of Florida, to take rank from May 18, 1863.
Rufus H. Kilpatrick, of Alabama, to take rank from May 26, 1863.
Samuel M. Dold, of Virginia, to take rank from December 4, 1862.
Alex. M. Fraser, of Georgia, to take rank from April 2, 1863.
V. O. Thompson, of North Carolina, to take rank from April 3, 1863.
Leander G. Hunt, of North Carolina, to take rank from April 2, 1863.
W. F. Robertson, of Florida, to take rank from May 25, 1863.
T. L. Anderson, of Georgia, to take rank from May 27, 1863.
D. R. Merritt, of Kentucky, to take rank from August 9, 1862.
William H. Sherman, of Georgia, to take rank from April 10, 1863.
James W. McKissack, of Alabama, to take rank from April 21, 1863.
Thomas E. Whyte, of Alabama, to take rank from April 7, 1863.
Thomas Z. Offutt, of Maryland, to take rank from April 14, 1863.
Granville R. Lewis, of Virginia, to take rank from April 16, 1863.
George M. Willis, of Georgia, to take rank from April 20, 1863.
Joseph A. Baden, of Maryland, to take rank from April 28, 1863.
James B. Shepherd, of Virginia, to take rank from April 30, 1863.
Charles L. Garnett, of Virginia, to take rank from April 10, 1863.
A. E. Eves, of Virginia, to take rank from April 17, 1863.
Robert C. Eve, of Georgia, to take rank from April 20, 1863.
Virginius G. Hitt, of Georgia, to take rank from April 21, 1863.
James B. Gilkeson, of Virginia, to take rank from April 21, 1863.
W. B. Watford, of North Carolina, to take rank from April 24, 1863.
W. J. McMahon, of Alabama, to take rank from April 13, 1863.
J. Lawrence Strait, of Mississippi, to take rank from May 1, 1863.
William A. Heard, of Alabama, to take rank from May 14, 1863.
Andrew T. Rowe, of Georgia, to take rank from May 14, 1863.
Joseph B. L. Baker, of Georgia, to take rank from May 19, 1863.
Benjamin F. Rudisill, of Georgia, to take rank from April 3, 1863.
H. McC. Holmes, of Florida, to take rank from January 22, 1863.
A. Givens, of Louisiana, to take rank from July 16, 1863.
Henry C. Ghent, of Alabama, to take rank from May 27, 1863.
James W. Greene, of Virginia, to take rank from May 25, 1863.
H. McKennie, of Virginia, to take rank from May 5, 1863.
Andrew F. Schultze, of Louisiana, to take rank from May 29, 1863.
Robert V. Reid, of Georgia, to take rank from May 21, 1863.
W. H. Calvert, of Louisiana, to take rank from June 5, 1863.
S. R. Hurd, of Louisiana, to take rank from May 29, 1863.
H. K. Darden, of Virginia, to take rank from June 6, 1863.
John L. Read, of Virginia, to take rank from May 6, 1863.
John S. Wilson, of Georgia, to take rank from May 11, 1863.
Miller A. Woodson, of Texas, to take rank from June 6, 1863.
John M. Payne, of Florida, to take rank from June 29, 1863.
D. W. Barton, of South Carolina, to take rank from June 30, 1863.
Robert S. Greene, of Alabama, to take rank from May 30, 1863.
William R. Cole, of Georgia, to take rank from June 10, 1863.
Edward C. James, of Alabama, to take rank from June 10, 1863.
James B. Mangeine, of Arkansas, to take rank from June 26, 1863.
James Leffers, of Florida, to take rank from June 29, 1863.
Thomas J. Warren, of South Carolina, to take rank from June 30, 1863.

James V. Johnson, of Arkansas, to take rank from May 26, 1863.
A. P. Fulkerson, of Missouri, to take rank from May 13, 1863.
Thomas J. Caldwell, of Mississippi, to take rank from June 26, 1863.
W. A. Williamson, of Georgia, to take rank from May 20, 1863.
William U. Morton, of Alabama, to take rank from May 18, 1863.
William R. Tompkins, of Mississippi, to take rank from May 18, 1863.
R. J. Young, of Mississippi, to take rank from May 18, 1863.
Jos. S. Buckner, of Mississippi, to take rank from May 16, 1863.
William R. Lide, of Alabama, to take rank from May 16, 1863.
H. C. Sommerville, of Missouri, to take rank from June 3, 1863.
James W. Wiseman, of North Carolina, to take rank from September 1, 1863.
Paul A. Barrier, of North Carolina, to take rank from June 20, 1863.
U. H. Dulaney, of Texas, to take rank from June 16, 1863.
Robert L. Harris, of North Carolina, to take rank from May 29, 1863.
James M. Pelot, of South Carolina, to take rank from June 24, 1863.
C. F. Jones, jr., of Louisiana, to take rank from May 21, 1863.
Peter Binford, of Alabama, to take rank from May 25, 1863.
A. S. McKeithen, of Alabama, to take rank from May 23, 1863.
David D. Oates, of Tennessee, to take rank from May 22, 1863.
Elias P. Hester, of Louisiana, to take rank from May 27, 1863.
Thomas J. Baskett, of Missouri, to take rank from May 25, 1863.
John T. B. Foard, of Alabama, to take rank from December 18, 1861.
Robert E. Alexander, of Georgia, to take rank from June 17, 1863.
Mason W. Smith, of South Carolina, to take rank from June 22, 1863.
Robert J. Turner, of Tennessee, to take rank from June 10, 1863.
J. Henry Currey, of Tennessee, to take rank from June 10, 1863.
William J. Barron, of Tennessee, to take rank from May 27, 1863.
Lewis S. Freeman, of Tennessee, to take rank from May 26, 1863.
Robert Davis, of Louisiana, to take rank from June 17, 1863.
Rufus A. Roberts, of Texas, to take rank from May 27, 1863.
James W. Hammum, of Tennessee, to take rank from December 1, 1862.
N. B. Kennedy, of Mississippi, to take rank from February 10, 1863.
Newton C. Pyles, of Alabama, to take rank from July 11, 1863.
James J. Crawford, of Virginia, to take rank from June 3, 1863.
W. McA. Hanna, of Kentucky, to take rank from January 17, 1863.
O. S. Holmes, of Alabama, to take rank from August 31, 1862.
John W. Rainey, of Texas, to take rank from June 9, 1863.
Jasper N. Smith, of Georgia, to take rank from June 10, 1863.
William H. Banks, of Alabama, to take rank from May 10, 1863.
John Frost, of Alabama, to take rank from August 31, 1863.
Jos. P. Carter, of South Carolina, to take rank from July 6, 1863.
James D. Plunkett, of Tennessee, to take rank from July 29, 1863.
John T. Parker, of Maryland, to take rank from July 1, 1863.
E. O. Hodges, of Georgia, to take rank from July 7, 1863.
Thomas M. Marks, of Louisiana, to take rank from June 3, 1863.
Harvey O. Milton, of Alabama, to take rank from July 7, 1863.
William Donnan, of Louisiana, to take rank from May 5, 1863.
John C. Storey, of Alabama, to take rank from July 18, 1863.
James H. Goethe, of South Carolina, to take rank from July 24, 1863.
William T. Spencer, of Louisiana, to take rank from May 8, 1863.
Charles H. Jordan, of Louisiana, to take rank from May 5, 1863.
Walter S. Golden, of Missouri, to take rank from July 20, 1863.
E. L. Connally, of Alabama, to take rank from August 31, 1862.
Thomas B. Savage, of Alabama, to take rank from August 31, 1862.
George A. Nicollassen, of Maryland, to take rank from July 14, 1863.
Lafayette Bonner, of Virginia, to take rank from July 17, 1863.
O. Becker, of Georgia, to take rank from July 21, 1863.
Samual G. Compton, of Louisiana, to take rank from July 14, 1863.
Aug. J. Spencer, of Louisiana, to take rank from May 6, 1863.
William M. Hoover, of Tennessee, to take rank from December 25, 1862.
Lewis B. King, of Kentucky, to take rank from April 18, 1863.
John McC. Lacy, of Arkansas, to take rank from September 19, 1862.
A. N. Kincannon, of Missouri, to take rank from January 31, 1863.
A. H. Stearns, of Georgia, to take rank from July 27, 1863.
Uriah Haynie, of Texas, to take rank from April 26, 1863.
Solomon P. Greene, of Tennessee, to take rank from June 2, 1863.
David H. Bryant, of Mississippi, to take rank from May 2, 1863.

John T. Melton, of Missouri, to take rank from July 9, 1863.
 Frank M. Dennis, of Georgia, to take rank from July 11, 1863.
 K. Knowlton, of Arkansas, to take rank from May 18, 1863.
 Charles B. Tydings, of Kentucky, to take rank from July 15, 1863.
 James H. Wilkes, of Tennessee, to take rank from July 11, 1863.
 Jos. Lemly, of Louisiana, to take rank from May 12, 1863.
 N. L. Galloway, of Georgia, to take rank from May 16, 1863.
 J. P. Hamer, of Tennessee, to take rank from July 11, 1863.
 Robert D. Gwin, of Tennessee, to take rank from August 15, 1862.
 Henry T. Fox, of Kentucky, to take rank from May 30, 1863.
 A. J. Claiborne, of Louisiana, to take rank from June 1, 1863.
 William P. Casseday, of Texas, to take rank from November 11, 1862.
 A. P. Houston, of Texas, to take rank from November 13, 1862.
 John G. Anderson, of North Carolina, to take rank from October 31, 1862.
 William H. Newell, of Virginia, to take rank from October 24, 1862.
 T. W. Newsome, of Georgia, to take rank from November 7, 1862.
 A. S. Davidson, of Louisiana, to take rank from November 21, 1862.
 A. T. Henry, of North Carolina, to take rank from November 21, 1862.
 Charles J. A. Crockett, of Virginia, to take rank from November 13, 1862.
 D. D. Carter, of Kentucky, to take rank from September 2, 1862.
 Alexander Dunn, of South Carolina, to take rank from December 22, 1862.
 Theodore Parker, of Georgia, to take rank from January 6, 1863.
 W. L. Earout, of Virginia, to take rank from December 20, 1862.
 Charles P. Gordon, of Georgia, to take rank from October 8, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nomination of Joseph Wheeler, to be major-general.

After debate,

Mr. Simms demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being put,

Will the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of Joseph Wheeler, to be major-general?

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 7
 { Nays 9

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Phelan, and Semmes.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Johnson of Arkansas, Oldham, Orr, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate do not advise and consent to the appointment of Joseph Wheeler, to be major-general.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, that the vote refusing to advise and consent to the appointment of Joseph Wheeler as major-general be reconsidered,

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Hill presented the following resolutions of the general assembly of the State of Georgia; which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs:

A resolution instructing the representatives of that State in Congress to urge the passage of a law giving detailed soldiers the same pay as other persons employed by the Government in the same business;

A resolution in relation to granting free transportation to soldiers on furlough;

A resolution asking an increase of pay for the privates and noncommissioned officers in the Confederate service; and

A resolution asking the action of Congress for the relief of indigent soldiers' families.

Mr. Hill presented the following resolutions of the general assembly of the State of Georgia; which were referred to the Committee on Finance:

A resolution in relation to the tax act of Congress; and

A resolution asking the suspension of the collection of the tax in kind in certain cases.

Mr. Hill presented a resolution of the general assembly of the State of Georgia, asking the establishment of a mail route, and for other purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Hill presented a resolution of the general assembly of the State of Georgia, asking that the appointment of all impressment officers in that State liable to conscription may be revoked, and that citizens not liable to military duty may be appointed in their stead; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Semmes submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be requested to inform the Senate whether or not the line officers of the Army heretofore intrusted with bounty money for recruiting purposes have accounted therefor; and if not, how many of such officers have failed to render their accounts; and to communicate the names of those who have thus failed, and the amounts unaccounted for, and when and from whom such amounts were received.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, reported

A bill (S. 179) making allowances to officers of the Navy of the Confederate States, under certain circumstances, and to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the organization of the Navy," approved March 16, 1861;

which was read the first and second times and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 8th instant, approved and signed the following act and joint resolution:

S. 160. An act to authorize the appointment of a Third Auditor of the Treasury; and

S. 21. Joint resolution of thanks to Gen. Robert E. Lee and to the officers and soldiers under his command.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 6th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 80) to continue in force an act entitled "An act to provide for the compensation of certain persons therein named," approved May 1, 1863.

On motion by Mr. Hill,
The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 175) to suspend the writ of habeas corpus in all cases involving the right to subject to military duty persons who have furnished substitutes to the Army of the Confederate States, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Caperton, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 86) to provide for holding elections for Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States from the State of Missouri, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and the reported amendment having been agreed to and the bill further amended, it was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment proposed to the bill by Mr. Dortch, viz:

Strike out the word "sixteen," in section 1, line 3, and insert "eighteen,"

Mr. Dortch modified the same by striking therefrom the words "and insert eighteen;" and

On the question to agree to the proposed amendment as modified,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas -----	13
	{ Nays -----	7

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Caperton, Clark, Dortch, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, and Semmes.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Clay, Henry, Phelan, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by inserting after the words "ages of," section 1, line 3, the word "eighteen,"

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the proposed amendment by striking out "eighteen" and inserting "seventeen,"

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas-----	9
	{ Nays-----	11

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are, Messrs. Burnett, Clay, Henry, Jemison, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Caperton, Clark, Dortch, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, and Orr.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Orr, It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Brown, to amend the bill by striking out of the first section the words "between the ages of eighteen and fifty-five" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "and capable of bearing arms,"

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas-----	3
	{ Nays-----	17

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are, Messrs. Brown, Burnett, and Simms.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Clark, Clay, Dortch, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Phelan, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Henry, to amend the bill by striking out "fifty-five," section 1, line 4, and inserting "sixty,"

It was determined in the negative.

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Dortch,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 8th instant) the nominations of Joseph Kelly, to be assistant adjutant-general, with rank of captain; W. H. H. Thomas, Edward Warburg, and S. M. Morrison, to be adjutants, with rank of first lieutenant; P. J. Pindall, to be brigade quartermaster, with the rank of major; Cyrus Black and E. L. Grigsby, to be assistant quartermasters, with the rank of captain; A. C. Pickett, Simon P. Burns, and L. M. Lewis, to be colonels; Willis M. Ponder, W. M. Moore, Thomas H. Murray, and P. W. H. Cumming, to be lieutenant-colonels; S. Harris, James Phillips, and J. P. Herrell, to be majors, submitted the following report (No. 15) and resolution:

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred certain nominations of officers in the Provisional Army, contained in four messages of the President to the Senate, dated 8th January, 1864, report that they have had the same under consideration, and that the only difficulty presented to the committee in recommending the confirmation of the nominees is that the date at which the officers nominated are to take rank is anterior to the last session of Congress.

The committee are of opinion that the Constitution contemplates that all officers appointed in the recess of Congress shall only hold under such appointments to the

close of the next session of Congress, and that they should be nominated, if it is intended to retain them in their offices, to the Senate at its first session after their appointment.

This has not been done in this case; and the committee would not hesitate to recommend that the Senate should refuse to confirm the nominations, if they were not convinced that in consequence of the interruption of communication with the Trans-Mississippi Department it was impracticable to present these nominations at an earlier period.

They recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to the appointment of the military officers nominated in the four several messages of the President, dated the eighth instant, all of whom are from States west of the Mississippi River, for the reasons stated in the foregoing report, and that the action of the Senate herein is not to be construed as sanctioning or recognizing the right of the Executive, in nominating officers to the Senate, to fix the time at which they shall take rank anterior to the preceding session of Congress or at any time during such session."

The Senate proceeded to consider said resolution; and

The resolution was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Hill (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 180) to provide for the investigation and settlement of the transactions and accounts of quartermasters, commissaries, contractors, and other financial and disbursing officers, agents, and employees of the Confederate States; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Caperton (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 181) for the relief of William M. Bowles, Richard Bowles, and others; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

Ordered, That the memorial of William M. Bowles, on the files of the Senate, together with the papers relating thereto, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 9th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 83) to authorize the cancellation of certain Confederate States bonds, and the substitution of others for them.

The House of Representatives have passed a resolution requesting the appointment, by the Senate, of a committee, to act jointly with the select committee appointed by the House, for the purpose of preparing, on behalf of Congress, an address to the country; and have appointed Mr. Clapp, Mr. Goode, Mr. Curry, Mr. Hartridge, and Mr. Smith of North Carolina the committee on their part.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution of the House of Representatives; and

The resolution was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the committee on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Semmes, Mr. Orr, and Mr. Maxwell were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 153) to amend an act entitled "An act to aid the State of Kentucky, and for other purposes," approved the 29th of January, 1862, returned by the President of the Confederate States with his objections; and

On the question,

Shall the bill pass, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding?

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ----- 10
Nays ----- 8

The vote having been taken by yeas and nays, agreeably to the requirement of the Constitution,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Clark, Haynes, Hill, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Dortch, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Orr, Phelan, and Semmes.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill do not pass, two-thirds of the Senate not agreeing thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Burnett submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That the vote by which the Senate refused to pass the bill (S. 153) to amend an act entitled "An act to aid the State of Kentucky, and for other purposes," approved the 29th of January, 1862, returned by the President with his objections, be reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., January 11, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith submit for your consideration a communication from the Attorney-General, containing an estimate of an additional sum required by the Department of Justice.

I recommend that an appropriation be made of the amount specified for the purpose indicated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Hon. George Davis, announcing the resignation of his seat as a Senator from the State of North Carolina; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war.

Mr. Sparrow submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That the vote on agreeing to the following amendment, viz: After the words "ages of," section 1, line 3, insert the word "eighteen," be reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by striking out the words "in cases of great emergency," section 4, line 3, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "when," and by inserting after "General," in the fourth line of the same section, the words "of the department or district the emergency may demand it,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by inserting after the word "corps," in the eighth line of the fourth section, the words "and within thirty days from the passage of this act,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Henry, to amend the bill by striking out the words "and garrison," in the second line of the fourth section,

It was determined in the affirmative.

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Hill,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, January 9, 1864.

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Maj. Gen. A. P. Hill, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-general, Provisional Army Confederate States.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, January 9, 1864.

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Daniel T. Chandler, of Louisiana, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, January 9, 1864.

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, January 5, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Brigadier-generals.

Col. L. S. Ross, of Texas, to take rank from December 21, 1863.
Col. D. C. Govan, of Arkansas, to take rank from December 29, 1863.
Col. J. R. Chambliss, of Virginia, to take rank from December 19, 1863.
Col. J. O. Shelby, of Missouri, to take rank from December 15, 1863.

Aids-de-camp—first lieutenants.

John T. Joyner, of Tennessee, to take rank from December 1, 1863.
C. W. Anderson, of Tennessee, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
Upton M. Young, of Missouri, to take rank from July 18, 1863.
Charles T. Furlow, of Georgia, to take rank from November 2, 1863.
J. M. Middleton, of South Carolina, to take rank from December 7, 1863.
R. M. Harwell, of Virginia, to take rank from December 5, 1863.
E. H. McDaniel, of Texas, to take rank from November 1, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, January 11, 1864.

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I hereby nominate the persons named upon the annexed list to the offices designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, January 9, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Navy:

Masters, in the line of promotion.

Passed Midshipmen John R. Price, of Alabama, and William W. Rea, of Virginia, to rank from the 7th instant.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The PRESIDENT.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Semmes submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be requested to communicate to the Senate a copy of the report of General Bragg of the battle of Chickamauga, with all the reports of subordinates that have been received.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 172) to increase the compensation of certain civil officers and employees in the Executive Departments at Richmond for a limited period.

On motion by Mr. Brown, to amend the bill by adding thereto the following proviso:

But it is hereby expressly declared that the increased compensation provided for in this act shall not be paid to any officer or employee of the Government who is liable to perform military duty, or is able to bear arms in the field, unless such officer or employee shall first obtain a certificate from the head of the Department in which he is engaged that his services are absolutely necessary to the Government, and that his place can not be supplied by anyone known to the head of the Department who is not subject to military duty; which said certificate shall be filed with the Secretary of the Treasury before the money is paid; and it shall be the duty of said Secretary, at the beginning of each session, to communicate a list of all such certificates to Congress,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting after "employees," section 1, line 3, the words "in the President's office and,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to increase the compensation of certain civil officers and employees in the President's Office and in the Executive Departments at Richmond for a limited period."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolutions submitted by Mr. Brown on the 10th of December, declaring what should be the present policy of the Government of the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That they lie upon the table.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 179) making allowances to officers of the Navy of the Confederate States under certain circumstances, and to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the organization of the Navy," approved March 16, 1861; and the bill having been amended on the motion of Mr. Semmes, it was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 22) for the benefit of Zedekiah McDaniel, of Kentucky, and Francis M. Ewing, of Mississippi; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Clay presented a communication from V. Sheliha, chief engineer of the Department of the Gulf, in relation to the organization of a sufficient number of negroes into a corps of engineer laborers, to serve during the war; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 144) to change the time for the assembling of Congress for its next regular session.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to reconsider the vote on agreeing to the following amendment, viz: Strike out the words "fourth Monday of February" and insert "first Monday in May,"

It was determined in the negative, {	Yeas-----	9
	Nays-----	9

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Clark, Clay, Oldham, Phelan, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, and Maxwell.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment made as in Committee of the Whole was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 88) to continue in force the provisions of an act therein named; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 88) last mentioned was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives agree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 86) to provide for holding elections for Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States from the State of Missouri.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., January 12, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, submitting "the condensed estimates of appropriations required for the support of the Government for the period from January 1 to June 30, 1864, inclusive." It was intended that these estimates should accompany my message of the 7th ultimo, but they seemed to have failed to reach the committees.

I recommend that appropriations be made of the sums specified for the purposes indicated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Semmes submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be requested to inform the Senate whether or not the company commanders of the Army have rendered their returns to the Quartermaster-General for the clothing transferred to them for issue and distribution to their respective commands, and if not, to what extent such failure to render returns exists, and what steps have been taken to enforce compliance with the regulations of the Army on that subject.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That the privilege of the floor of the Senate be extended to Maj. Gen. John C. Breckinridge, of Kentucky.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by striking out of the fourth section the words

That the reserve corps shall be used for local defense, for post duty, and shall not be ordered beyond the limits of their own States, except when, in the opinion of the commanding general of the department or district, the emergency may demand it, and then not for a longer period than thirty days. And,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 11
Nays 9

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Clark, Dortch, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, and Orr.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Clay, Haynes, Henry, Phelan, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to reconsider the vote on agreeing to the following amendment, viz: After the words "ages of," section 1, line 3, insert the word "eighteen,"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 9
Nays 11

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Clay, Henry, Jemison, Phelan, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Clark, Dortch, Haynes, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, and Orr.

On motion by Mr. Dortch, to amend the bill by striking out "five," in the fourth line of the first section,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas -----	10
	{ Nays -----	10

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Clark, Dortch, Haynes, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, and Orr.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Clay, Henry, Hill, Jemison, Phelan, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Orr, that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs, with instructions to report a bill extending conscription to fifty years of age, but providing that those between forty-five and fifty shall only be conscribed for the purpose of filling details contemplated in the fourth section of the bill as amended.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, to amend the said motion by striking out all after "That," and inserting:

so much of the bill as refers to putting persons not now in the service in the military service over the age of forty-five, be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs, with instructions to report a bill to organize a corps of men above the age of forty-five, from which all details shall be taken,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the said motion by adding thereto the words "for the purposes specified in the fourth section of the bill, as amended, until the class above forty-five is exhausted,"

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the motion and the amendment thereto lie upon the table.

On motion by Mr. Haynes, that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs, with instructions to report a bill making adequate provisions to return to active service in the field all persons not physically disabled for duty between the ages of eighteen and forty-five.

2. To create a reserve corps from the class between the ages of forty-five and fifty-five; providing that from the class comprehended between the ages of forty-five and fifty-five all details shall be made for local and post duties and local defense until exhausted.

3. *Providing further*, That soldiers within the ages of eighteen and forty-five, discharged or disabled for field service, shall be liable to be detailed as far as physically able for such duty.

4. Providing for curtailing the classes now exempted, conferring power on the Secretary of War to determine what members of each class ought to be exempted on account of mechanical or professional duties,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to reconsider the vote on the rejection of the

following amendment, viz: Strike out, section 1, line 4, the word "five,"

It was determined in the negative, {	Yeas	7
	Nays	14

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Dortch, Haynes, Hunter, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, and Orr.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Clark, Clay, Henry, Hill, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Henry, to amend the bill by striking out the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and eighth sections, and inserting after the first section the following:

Sec. —. That all persons between the ages of forty-five and fifty-five, not now in the Army, shall enroll themselves, within such time and at such place or places in their respective counties or parishes as may be prescribed by the President; and upon their failure to do so the persons so failing shall be conscribed into the army in the field; and all details for provost and hospital guards for Commissary, Quartermaster, and Niter Bureau agents, clerks, and guards, and for service in enforcing the conscript acts and for all other purposes except as hereinafter provided, shall be taken from those persons who are between the ages of forty-five and fifty-five not now in the Army, and from those below the age of forty-five who are unfit for military service in the field by reason of physical disability within thirty days from the passage of this act: *Provided*, That in the Trans-Mississippi Department the time for the enrollment aforesaid shall be sixty days,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by striking out of the seventh section the words "and form a part of the reserve corps,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Henry, to amend the bill by striking out the seventh section,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, to amend the bill by inserting after "eighteen hundred and sixty-two," section 9, line 7, the words

or who may have employed substitutes at a price not to exceed the sum of two thousand dollars, shall be paid back a pro rata amount of the sum so paid by him, based upon the time his substitute has served and the time the principal would have had to serve had he been in the service,

On motion by Mr. Clark, to amend the proposed amendment by striking out "two thousand dollars" and inserting "five hundred dollars,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the proposed amendment as amended,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Sparrow presented a communication from various division and brigade commanders, submitting a plan for the reorganization of the Army; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Caperton submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire what salary is payable to the judges of the district courts of the Confederate States, in Virginia, by reason of the second section of the act of Congress entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America," approved March sixteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and the late act of the general assembly of Virginia by which the salaries of the judges of the supreme court of appeals have been increased from three thousand dollars to five thousand dollars, to take effect and be payable from January first, eighteen hundred and sixty-three; and to report a bill for such increase of the salary of the judges of the said district courts of the Confederate States in Virginia as shall make their salaries equal to that paid under said act of the general assembly to the said judges of the supreme court of appeals of Virginia.

Mr. Caperton presented the memorial of the Virginia Volunteer Navy Company, praying an amendment of the law creating a volunteer navy, and also an appropriation of money to aid in the purchase and equipment of vessels; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Clay, from the Committee on Commerce, reported the following bills; which were severally read the first and second times and ordered to be printed:

S. 182. A bill to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the public defense;

S. 183. A bill to prohibit the importation of luxuries, or of articles not necessities or of common use; and

S. 184. A bill to establish a bureau of foreign supplies.

Mr. Caperton, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 181) for the relief of William M. Bowles, Richard Bowles, and others, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a resolution of the general assembly of the State of Georgia, asking that the appointment of all impressment officers in that State liable to conscription may be revoked, and that citizens not liable to

military duty may be appointed in their stead, reported favorably thereon.

Ordered, That the resolution lie upon the table.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (H. R. 88) to continue in force the provisions of an act therein named.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, January 13, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering a copy of "Major-General Hindman's report of his operations while in command of the Trans-Mississippi District."

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Clark,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war.

The question being on agreeing to the following amendment proposed by Mr. Burnett, as amended, viz: After "eighteen hundred and sixty-two," section 9, line 7, insert the words

or who may have employed substitutes at a price not to exceed the sum of five hundred dollars, shall be paid back a pro rata amount of the sum so paid by him, based upon the time his substitute has served and the time the principal would have had to serve had he been in the service,

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That the said amendment lie upon the table.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by striking out the word "act," section 9, line 6, and inserting "acts," and by inserting after "eighteen hundred and sixty-two," in the seventh line of the same section, the words "and the first of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-three,"

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	14
	{ Nays	3

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Clark, Clay, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Hill, and Orr.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by striking out the second clause of the tenth section, as follows:

II. All officers of the Confederate and State governments who are now exempted by acts of Congress, or of the State legislatures,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by inserting as the second clause of the tenth section the following:

II. The Vice-President of the Confederate States, the members of Congress and of the several State legislatures and the officers thereof, and such other Confederate and State officers as the President, or the governors of the States, respectively, may declare to be necessary for the proper administration of the Confederate or State governments, as the case may be,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by striking out the words "Ministers of religion," section 10, line 9, and inserting in lieu thereof the words

Every minister of religion authorized to preach according to the rules of his sect, and who was, on the sixteenth of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and has been since, in the regular discharge of his ministerial duties,

On motion by Mr. Clark, to amend the proposed amendment by inserting after "religion" the words "over thirty-five years of age,"

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	8
	{ Nays	10

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,
Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Clark, Dortch, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, and Simms.

Those who voted in the negative are.

Messrs. Caperton, Clay, Haynes, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Orr, Semmes, and Sparrow.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Sparrow, It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by striking out the words "one editor of each newspaper, and the employees in newspaper establishments," section 10, lines 10 and 11, and inserting in lieu thereof the words

one editor of each newspaper established and being published on the sixteenth of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and which has been so published regularly since that time, and such journeymen printers as such editor may under oath declare are indispensable for printing said newspaper,

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, to amend the proposed amendment by striking out the words "one editor of each newspaper,"

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	4
	{ Nays	11

On motion by Mr. Clark,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,
Messrs. Burnett, Dortch, Jemison, and Maxwell.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Clark, Clay, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Orr, and Sparrow.

On motion by Mr. Clay, to amend the proposed amendment by

inserting after "eighteen hundred and sixty-two" the words "who was owner or editor of a newspaper at that date,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by striking out, section 10, lines 11, 12, 13, and 14, the words

and physicians and apothecaries as now provided by law, and upon the terms and conditions, and in the manner provided by the act in relation to exemptions, approved eleventh October, eighteen hundred and sixty-two,

and inserting in lieu thereof the words

one skilled apothecary in each apothecary store, who was doing business as such apothecary on the sixteenth day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and who is now, and has been, doing business since that time,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the tenth section the following:

all physicians who now are, and for the last seven years have been, in the actual and regular practice of their profession,

On motion by Mr. Clark, to amend the proposed amendment by inserting after "physicians" the words "over the age of thirty-five years,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Dortch, to amend the proposed amendment by inserting after "physicians" the words "and dentists,"

It was determined in the negative.

The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the tenth section the following:

teachers whose schools are composed of not less than twenty male students, and who are now engaged, and have been continuously engaged, in teaching for three years next preceding the passage of this act,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred (on the 30th ultimo) the nominations of W. R. Holcombe, W. D. Hardy, M. R. Campbell, Oliver S. Porter, Matt. E. Manly, James B. Johnson, David S. Goodloe, G. C. Conner, Charles Edwards, R. J. Reid, R. T. Harris, Daniel B. Hatch, S. M. Howard, William E. Beasley, W. F. Miller, Green L. White, William A. Pugh, Crenshaw Hall, T. H. Colcock, W. Hemmingway, Charles W. Lewis, T. S. Warren, John A. Matthias, S. B. Clowney, A. L. Peel, H. G. Gwyn, Thomas W. Miller, Volney Ellis, Alex. W. Loving, William H. Keller, A. C. Bailey, George P. Brown, George M. Wright, B. McFarland, A. F. Claywell, L. F. Bakewell, Lovic Pierce, jr., B. F. Chastain, Henry H. Way, T. A. Jeffords, James H. Merrimon, R. N. Harris, J. D. S. Newell, Jesse B. Pye, Henry H. Dinkins, John A. Jones, J. O. Waddell, Lawrence Baker, A. C. Hickey, W. B. L. Reagan, H. B. Tompkins, James J. Searcy, Jedediah Waldo, W. G. Kisling,

J. T. Keesee, John W. Pearson, E. Bertus, J. B. Fitzpatrick, Brice A. Wilson, J. P. Williams, James A. Byrd, R. B. Peebles, John J. Winston, John T. Gregory, W. McR. Jordan, Robert T. Hubbard, W. R. Bedell, E. Bourges, John R. Youree, John A. G. Hiatt, Rich. Ferguson, W. A. Hopson, George Dawson, Samuel Wilson, Henry S. Figures, J. T. S. Reid, L. N. Davies, S. W. Wardlaw, Henry Hudnall, Thomas H. Allen, James H. Williams, Rufus Brittain, W. W. Alexander, Thomas B. Cook, M. S. Cleveland, William F. Price, Orville Ewing, Rich. W. Freeman, Thomas W. Hoffman, William F. Ogden, John L. Blain, G. J. Buchanan, Edward A. Martin, William M. Smith, J. C. Small, D. D. Walton, Benjamin M. Smith, James F. Grier, Joel W. Marshall, W. S. Sawrie, J. A. Robertson, E. J. Kursheedt, Lot M. Jones, D. C. Green, Francis A. Boyle, John C. Anderson, D. R. Dunlap, D. Rankin, B. H. Eppes, jr., L. J. Gaines, Allan Talbott, B. McMullen, J. J. Evans, John A. R. Imboden, R. Lindsay, W. G. Newman, Robert T. Penick, H. C. Bradford, C. C. Wertenbaker, Robert B. Hurt, John F. Waller, Thomas Gaillard, William L. Faison, N. T. Johnson, L. Mitchell, J. W. Kendall, W. W. Jackson, W. T. Charles, Augustus Owen, S. C. De Bruhl, John G. Gittings, W. L. Le Conte, William H. Laughter, James D. Vaughan, William L. Peters, C. W. Graves, Irving Root, Henry E. Allen, John W. Barry, James O. Owens, L. R. Stark, S. D. Davies, W. J. Milner, Michael M. McGee, J. A. August, Benjamin L. Perry, E. A. Warren, G. W. Anderson, Samuel S. Owen, M. T. Bass, F. S. Findlay, A. R. Greigg, William R. White, John M. Farris, B. W. Arnold, F. Philips, John S. Tutt, W. P. McCarty, O. P. Sydenstricker, C. W. Wyatt, T. F. Powell, G. W. Smitheal, B. F. Parker, Thomas B. Fowler, William French, Edwin P. Starr, S. G. Worth, B. F. Smith, Charles A. Raine, Charles C. Ivey, Thomas E. Winn, C. D. Waters, J. R. Rogers, George Millard, C. B. Paslay, A. T. Stennis, J. G. Clarke, to be adjutants, with the rank of first lieutenant, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, January 13, 1864.

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Dosier G. Herbert, of Mississippi, to be captain in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, under act approved October 11, 1862.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of Dosier G. Herbert, to be captain; and it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

RICHMOND, January 12, 1864.

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Edward Ivy, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel of artillery, under act approved January 22, 1862.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of Edward Ivy, to be lieutenant-colonel of artillery; and it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, January 13, 1864.

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 8, 1863.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ENGINEERS.

Colonel.

D. B. Harris, of Virginia, to take rank from October 8, 1863.

Lieutenant-colonel.

Alfred L. Rives, of Virginia, to take rank from May 4, 1863.

Majors.

John J. Clarke, of Virginia, to take rank from May 4, 1863.

John A. Williams, of Texas, to take rank from May 5, 1863.

Henry T. Douglas, of Virginia, to take rank from May 27, 1863.

S. W. Prestman, of Virginia, to take rank from October 14, 1863.

Minor Meriwether, of Tennessee, to take rank from October 27, 1863.

Captains.

Walter G. Turpin, of Virginia, to take rank from May 4, 1863.

W. J. Morris, of Tennessee, to take rank from May 5, 1863.

R. P. Rowley, of Arkansas, to take rank from May 6, 1863.

J. A. Haydon, of Tennessee, to take rank from May 7, 1863.

Gustave Schleicher, of Texas, to take rank from May 8, 1863.

John Johnson, of South Carolina, to take rank from October 10, 1863.

J. B. Stanard, of Virginia, to take rank from October 12, 1863.

First lieutenants.

P. W. O'Koerner, of Florida, to take rank from May 4, 1863.

Robert T. Massie, of Virginia, to take rank from May 8, 1863.

J. W. Smith, of Virginia, to take rank from October 14, 1863.

William R. Devoe, of Texas, to take rank from November 20, 1863.

Charles S. Dwight, of South Carolina, to take rank from November 21, 1863.

Second lieutenants.

William N. Bolling, of ———, to take rank from November 21, 1863.

C. E. Cassell, of ———, to take rank from November 23, 1863.

COMMANDANTS OF CAMPS OF INSTRUCTION, UNDER ACT APPROVED OCTOBER 8, 1862.

Majors.

E. S. Ready, of Alabama, to take rank from May 2, 1863.

John F. Andrews, of Georgia, to take rank from May 2, 1863.

Oscar M. Watkins, of Texas, to take rank from May 2, 1863.

T. W. Radcliffe, of South Carolina, to take rank from August 20, 1863.

J. J. Daniels, of Florida, to take rank from November 14, 1863.

Military storekeepers—captains of infantry.

- I. P. Girardey, of Georgia, to take rank from June 6, 1863.
 Jos. Denegre, of Louisiana, to take rank from June 6, 1863.
 Charles Semple, of Kentucky, to take rank from June 6, 1863.
 J. W. Gillespie, of Missouri, to take rank from June 6, 1863.

Military storekeepers—first lieutenants of infantry.

- Frank P. Buckner, of Louisiana, to take rank from June 6, 1863.
 Griffin S. Ward, of Virginia, to take rank from July 21, 1863.
 James M. Muldon, jr., of Alabama, to take rank from July 27, 1863.
 John S. Greer, of Texas, to take rank from September 18, 1863.

ARTILLERY OFFICERS, FOR ORDNANCE DUTY, UNDER ACTS APPROVED APRIL 21, 1862, AND
 SEPTEMBER 16, 1862.

Majors.

- P. B. Stanard, of Virginia, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from June 18, 1863.
 J. W. Mallett, of Alabama, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from June 18, 1863.
 Henry Myers, of Alabama, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from June 18, 1863.
 E. B. Smith, of Virginia, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from June 18, 1863.
 T. L. Bayne, of Louisiana, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from June 18, 1863.
 J. T. Trezevant, of Mississippi, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from June 18, 1863.
 T. M. Bowyer, of Virginia, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from June 18, 1863.
 R. Milton Cary, of Virginia, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from September 10, 1863.

Captains.

- W. C. Duxbury, of Alabama, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 26, 1863.
 W. D. Harden, of Georgia, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from June 18, 1863.
 Thaddeus A. Smith, of Alabama, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from June 18, 1863.
 J. Wilcox Brown, of Virginia, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 J. C. Little, of Virginia, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 Charles Grattan, of Virginia, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 W. Latham, of Louisiana, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 James Dinwiddie, of Virginia, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 James M. Boyd, of Virginia, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 C. C. Pinckney, of South Carolina, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 John M. Gregory, of Virginia, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 Thomas W. Pierce, of North Carolina, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 James G. Clarke, of District of Columbia, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 C. L. C. Minor, of Virginia, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 Henry Seabrook, of South Carolina, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Leonidas Points, of Virginia, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

W. N. McDonald, of Kentucky, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

George Little, of Alabama, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

C. F. Vanderford, of Missouri, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

L. R. Evans, of Texas, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

W. H. Warren, of Tennessee, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

First lieutenants.

James C. Calhoun, of South Carolina, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

John F. Porteous, of South Carolina, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

John Forrest, of South Carolina, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

R. E. Baker, of Mississippi, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

R. W. Anderson, of North Carolina, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

H. S. Cunningham, of Georgia, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

James N. Brickell, of Louisiana, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

James H. George, of Alabama, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

C. P. Estill, of North Carolina, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

E. C. Robbins, of Missouri, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

M. C. Burke, of Alabama, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

John S. Tucker, of Missouri, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

W. A. Parker, of Alabama, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

R. V. Booth, of Mississippi, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

S. H. Coleman, of Tennessee, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

George H. King, of Georgia, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

J. W. Stewart, of Tennessee, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

James E. Webb, of Alabama, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Horace E. Ross, of Tennessee, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Bradford Nichol, of Tennessee, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

W. Thurmond, of Mississippi, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Second lieutenants.

B. L. Braselman, of Louisiana, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

H. H. Stevens, of Louisiana, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

C. N. Featherston, of Georgia, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

R. Crawford, of Alabama, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

C. G. Ramsay, of Alabama, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Thomas M. Deane, of Louisiana, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

H. L. Bedford, of Tennessee, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

O. F. Bledsoe, of Mississippi, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

L. W. Brooks, of Texas, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

C. Compton, of Georgia, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

W. C. Nelson, of Mississippi, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

L. W. Magruder, of Mississippi, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

N. E. Venable, of Texas, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

W. C. Douglass, of Florida, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

M. S. Cockrill, of Tennessee, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Thomas M. Jones, of Tennessee, ordered to report for duty to Chief of Ordnance, to rank from May 2, 1863.

F. M. Colston, of ———, ordered to report for duty to Col. E. P. Alexander, to rank from November 18, 1863.

And. C. Trippe, of Maryland, ordered to report for duty to Lieut. Col. B. G. Baldwin, to rank from November 28, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Johnson of Georgia (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 185) for the relief of Capt. William W. Paine, assistant quartermaster of the First Georgia Regulars; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Hill (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 186) to regulate the salaries of the judges of the district courts of the Confederate States; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the following subjects:

A resolution of the general assembly of the State of Alabama in relation to the enforcement of the conscript laws of the Confederate States; and

The petition of dental surgeons, of ten years' practice, praying to be exempted from military service.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 171) for the establishment and regulation of territorial commands in the Army, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Phelan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 82) to grant a special copyright to W. J. Hardee and S. H. Goetzel for Hardee's Rifle and Infantry Tactics, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 150) to limit and define the term of office of the Secretary or principal officer of each of the Executive Departments, established by the several acts entitled "An act to organize the Department of State," "An act to establish the Treasury Department," "An act to establish the War Department," "An act to establish the Navy Department," "An act to establish the Post-Office Department," "An act to organize and establish an executive department, to be known as the Department of Justice," all of which acts were approved February 21, 1861, reported it with amendments.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the bill and amendments be printed.

Mr. Semmes also submitted a report (No. 16) in relation to the subject; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Hill submitted the views of the minority of the committee on the same subject; which were read and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 180) to provide for the investigation and settlement of the transactions and accounts of quartermasters, commissaries, contractors, and other financial and disbursing officers, agents, and employees of the Confederate States, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That it be printed.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That the President pro tempore appoint, temporarily, an additional member on the Committee on Claims; and

Mr. Jemison was appointed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution (H. R. 21) in relation to the war; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The joint resolution (H. R. 21) last mentioned was read the first and second times and referred to the special committee appointed to prepare, on behalf of Congress, an address to the country.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate the report of the Commissioner of Patents for the year 1863; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

That when the Senate adjourn it be to meet at 11 o'clock to-morrow, It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to reconsider the vote on agreeing to the following amendment, viz:

Insert at the end of the tenth section the following:

teachers whose schools are composed of not less than twenty male students, and who are now engaged, and have been continuously engaged, in teaching for three years next preceding the passage of this act,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said amendment; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the proposed amendment by striking out the word "male,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Clark, to amend the proposed amendment by striking out "three years" and inserting "two years,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Dortch, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the tenth section the following:

IV. Shoemakers, blacksmiths, wagonmakers, and millwrights, skilled and actually employed, as their regular vocation, in the said trades, continuously engaged in working for the public since the sixteenth day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and whilst so actually employed,

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Missouri, to amend the proposed amendment by inserting after "millwrights" the words "over forty-five years of age,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hunter, to amend the proposed amendment by substituting therefor the following:

That there shall be exempted one shoemaker, one blacksmith, and one wagonmaker for every three hundred white persons in the county in which he resides; one miller for every mill grinding for the public and making annually, by way of toll, eight hundred bushels of corn, or eight hundred bushels of wheat and corn, or which may manufacture, annually, four hundred barrels of flour; one millwright for every three counties in the State, who shall be selected by the commanding officer of the department: *Provided, however,* That the court or board having jurisdiction of roads and bridges for the county or parish in which such person claiming exemption may reside shall certify that he is entitled to it under the provisions of this law, and that he is regularly employed in the said trade: *Provided further,* That no shoemaker,

blacksmith, or wagonmaker shall be exempted when there is a sufficient number over forty-five years of age, or of other persons, not liable to military duty, who will furnish one of each trade specified for every three hundred white persons,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 11
Nays 8

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Caperton, Clay, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia,
Maxwell, Orr, Phelan, Semmes, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Clark, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, and Simms.

On motion by Mr. Clay, to amend the proposed amendment by inserting at the end thereof the following proviso:

Provided further, That said exemption shall only embrace shoemakers, blacksmiths, wagonmakers, millers, and millwrights over forty years of age,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 13
Nays 6

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Clay, Haynes, Henry, Jemison, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Orr, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Dortch, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, and Maxwell.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Dortch, as amended,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 6
Nays 13

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Clay, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, and Orr.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Clark, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Jemison, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the tenth section the following:

IV. All persons who were exempted as agents, overseers, or owners of a plantation as provided by the act in relation to exemptions, approved October eleventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Clay, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the third clause of the tenth section the following proviso:

Provided, That where the occupations enumerated in this clause have been suspended by the invasions of the enemy, and have been resumed at the place of residence, or at any other place, the persons herein mentioned shall still be entitled to exemption if in other respects meeting the requirements of this and other exemption acts,

It was determined in the affirmative.

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Hill,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, January 14, 1864.

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Jones S. Hamilton, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel, under the act to raise an additional force approved October 11, 1862, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of Jones S. Hamilton, to be lieutenant-colonel; and it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, January 14, 1864.

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of State, I hereby nominate the persons named in his letter to the offices designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Richmond, January 13, 1864.

To the PRESIDENT:

The Hon. James M. Mason, of Virginia, having been appointed on the 12th of November last, during a recess of the Senate, as commissioner to represent the Confederate States to such foreign nations as the President may deem expedient, under the act of Congress approved 20th August, 1861; and James E. Macfarland, of Virginia, having on the same day been appointed secretary to the commissioner, under said act, I have now the honor to recommend their nomination to the Senate for confirmation as commissioner and secretary aforesaid.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. P. BENJAMIN,
Secretary of State.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, January 14, 1864.

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I hereby nominate the person named upon the annexed list to the office designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, Richmond, January 12, 1864.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Navy:

Assistant paymaster.

John F. Wheless, of Tennessee.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *January 14, 1864.*

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 8, 1863.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

APPOINTMENTS FOR MILITARY COURTS.

Lieut. Gen. A. P. Hill's Corps.

Col. D. M. Carter, of North Carolina, presiding judge, to rank from July 18, 1863.

Col. D. C. Glenn, of Mississippi, member, to rank from July 18, 1863.

Col. P. B. Whittle, of Florida, member, to rank from November 15, 1863.

Capt. Thomas T. Hill, of Virginia, judge-advocate, to rank from July 18, 1863.

Department of Mississippi and East Louisiana.

Col. C. E. Hooker, of Mississippi, to be presiding judge, vice Col. G. B. Wilkinson, resigned, to rank from September 6, 1863.

Lieutenant-General Hardee's Corps.

Col. John B. Sale, of Mississippi, to be member, vice Col. S. J. Gholson, declined, to rank from June 16, 1863.

Capt. W. P. Johnson, of Georgia, to be judge-advocate, vice Capt. B. Randolph, resigned, to rank from December 1, 1863.

Lieutenant-General Ewell's Corps.

Col. James Conner, of North Carolina, to be member, vice Col. D. M. Carter, resigned, to rank from October 8, 1863.

Col. D. A. Wilson, of Louisiana, to be member, vice Col. James Jackson, resigned, to rank from November 1, 1863.

Department of Richmond.

Col. Edwin G. Lee, of Virginia, to be member, vice Col. B. T. Johnson, resigned, to rank from November 19, 1863.

Capt. Benton Randolph, of Tennessee, to be judge-advocate, vice Captain Johnson, resigned, to rank from December 1, 1863.

Department of South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

Col. W. C. Bird, of Florida, to be member, vice Col. S. St. G. Rogers, resigned, to rank from November 21, 1863.

Department of East Tennessee.

Capt. M. P. Jarnagin, of Tennessee, to be judge-advocate, vice Captain Williams, promoted, to rank from October 19, 1863.

Department of Southwest Virginia.

Capt. H. C. Graham, of North Carolina, to be judge-advocate (an original vacancy), to rank from November 16, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 186) to regulate the salaries of the judges of the district courts of the Confederate States, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Phelan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported

A bill (S. 187) declaring persons owing military service to the Confederate States, and who seek to avoid such service by removing beyond the control and jurisdiction of said States, alien enemies, and subjecting their property to confiscation;

which was read the first and second times and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the following bills:

S. 176. A bill declaring all persons owing military service to the Confederate States, and who voluntarily depart beyond the boundaries thereof without the written permission of the President, with intent to abandon the same, alien enemies; and subjecting such persons, in all respects, to the laws in relation to the same; and

S. 177. A bill to declare certain persons alien enemies, and to sequester their property.

Mr. Caperton, from the Committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate to inquire into the subject, reported

A joint resolution (S. 23) in relation to the salaries of the judges of the district courts of the Confederate States for the State of Virginia; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be printed.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (H. R. 82) to grant a special copyright to W. J. Hardee and S. H. Goetzl for Hardee's Rifle and Infantry Tactics; and

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 89) authorizing chaplains, in certain cases, to draw forage for one horse; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 13th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 88) to continue in force the provisions of an act therein named.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 87) appropriating \$100,000 for the use and benefit of the Cherokee Nation, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The bill (H. R. 89) received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the tenth section the following:

IV. One person on each plantation of twenty or more negroes, and owned by a feme sole, a minor, or person non compos, or in, or liable to, the public service, and on which there is no other white male adult not liable to military service, and which is devoted to the production of grain, provisions, and other necessities for the people and the Army, and who have paid, or shall pay, the sum of five hundred dollars, as required by act of May first, eighteen hundred and sixty-three,

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the proposed amendment by striking out "public service" and inserting "military or naval service," It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the proposed amendment by substituting therefor the words

For the police and management of slaves, there shall be exempted one person on each farm or plantation, the sole property of a minor, a person of unsound mind, a feme sole, or a person absent from home in the military or naval service of the Confederacy, on which there are twenty or more effective hands: *Provided*, The person so exempted was employed and acting as an overseer previous to the sixteenth of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and there is no white male adult on said farm or plantation who is not liable to military duty, which fact shall be verified by the affidavits of said person and two respectable citizens, and shall be filed with the enrolling officer: *And provided*, The owner of such farm or plantation, his agent or legal representative, shall make affidavit, and deliver the same to the enrolling officer, that, after diligent effort, no overseer can be procured for such farm or plantation not liable to military duty: *Provided further*, That this clause shall not extend to any farm or plantation on which the negroes have been placed by division from any other farm or plantation since the eleventh day of October, eighteen hundred and sixty-two: *Provided further*, That for every person exempted as aforesaid, and during the period of such exemption, there shall be paid annually into the public Treasury, by the owners of such slaves, the sum of five hundred dollars,

After debate,

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being then put,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	13
	{ Nays	7

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Clay, Haynes, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Oldham, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Clark, Dortch, Hill, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, and Orr.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Hill, as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	15
	{ Nays	6

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Clay, Haynes, Henry, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Dortch, Hill, Phelan, Simms, and Sparrow.

So the amendment as amended was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the bill by striking out the tenth and eleventh sections thereof,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the fourth clause of the tenth section the following proviso:

Provided, That the President may detail one person from the classes between the ages of forty-five and fifty-five, and disabled soldiers, on each plantation or farm on which there are twenty slaves or more, now in charge of a person over forty-five, or of any disabled soldier,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Caperton, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the tenth section the following:

V. All persons who have heretofore employed substitutes, who are the owners of farms, and who have been actually and continuously laboring on such farms in the production of subsistence necessary for the Army and the people,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	6
	{ Nays	14

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Orr, and Semmes.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Clark, Clay, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Jemison, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Phelan, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Oldham, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the tenth section the following proviso:

Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to repeal the act approved April fourteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, entitled "An act to exempt contractors for carrying the mails of the Confederate States and the drivers of post coaches and hacks from military service,"

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	15
	{ Nays	4

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Clark, Clay, Dortch, Haynes, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of

Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Orr, Phelan, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Caperton, and Simms.

On motion by Mr. Jemison, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the fourth clause of the tenth section the following proviso:

Provided further, That nothing in this clause contained shall prevent the detail of the owner to oversee the slaves on his own plantation,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the tenth section the following proviso:

Provided further, That the exemptions herein granted shall only continue whilst the persons exempted hereby are actually engaged in their respective pursuits or occupations,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, to reconsider the vote on agreeing to the following amendment, viz:

Insert at the end of the fourth clause of the tenth section the following proviso:

Provided further, That nothing in this clause contained shall prevent the detail of the owner to oversee the slaves on his own plantation,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Wigfall submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President be requested to furnish the Senate, in executive session, the number of general officers who have been appointed under the act approved October thirteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, together with the names, and to what duties assigned.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of A. P. Hill, to be lieutenant-general; D. B. Harris, to be colonel; Alfred L. Rives, to be lieutenant-colonel; John J. Clarke, John A. Williams, Henry T. Douglas, S. W. Presstman, Minor Meriwether, to be majors; Walter G. Turpin, W. J. Morris, R. P. Rowley, J. A. Haydon, Gustave Schleicher, John Johnson, J. B. Stanard, to be captains; P. W. O'Koerner, Robert T. Massie, J. W. Smith, William R. Devoe, Charles S. Dwight, to be first lieutenants; William N. Bolling, C. E. Cassell, to be second lieutenants of engineers; Walter H. Taylor, to be lieutenant-colonel in the Adjutant-General's Department, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the nomination of R. H. Chilton, to be brigadier-general, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

On motion by Mr. Clark,

Ordered, That the further consideration of said nomination be postponed till to-morrow.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I hereby nominate the persons named upon the annexed list to the offices designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., *January 15, 1864.*

NAVY DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, January 15, 1864.*

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following promotions in the regular Navy:

First lieutenants.

Second Lieut. Charles W. Read, of Mississippi, vice First Lieut. John T. Wood, promoted.

Second Lieut. Sardine G. Stone, of Alabama, vice First Lieut. Æneas Armstrong, dismissed.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 14, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 4, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ARTILLERY OFFICERS, UNDER ACT APPROVED JANUARY 22, 1862.

Majors.

W. R. Browne, of Florida, to take rank from December 31, 1863.

John Rawle, of Louisiana, to take rank from June 3, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 14, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 8, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

OFFICERS APPOINTED TO RAISE TROOPS, UNDER ACT APPROVED OCTOBER 11, 1862.

Colonel.

H. H. Miller, of Mississippi, to take rank from August 20, 1863.

Lieutenant-colonel.

Charles G. Rogers, of Tennessee, to take rank from July 16, 1863.

Captains.

T. L. Duke, of Mississippi, to take rank from September 3, 1863.

C. J. P. Cresap, of Virginia, to take rank from November 30, 1863.

First lieutenant.

James B. Gambrell, of Mississippi, to take rank from August 20, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.
 The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 14, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 6, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Adjutants—first lieutenants.

E. S. Hammond, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Fourteenth Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, to rank from July 1, 1863.

John L. Barksdale, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Fifteenth Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, to rank from August 27, 1863.

W. B. Jones, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Sixteenth Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, to rank from August 29, 1863.

W. G. Williams, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Sixty-sixth North Carolina Regiment, to rank from November 30, 1863.

P. C. Gaston, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Walker's battalion, Thomas' Legion, to rank from May 20, 1863.

D. H. Halsey, of Alabama, to be adjutant Fourth Alabama Cavalry Regiment, to rank from October 1, 1863.

C. Wick. Gue, of Alabama, to be adjutant Twenty-fourth Alabama Battalion, to rank from December 16, 1863.

W. L. Pike, of Missouri, to be adjutant Seventh Missouri Cavalry Regiment, to rank from December 12, 1863.

G. E. Manigault, of South Carolina, to be adjutant Fourth South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, to rank from December 1, 1863.

John McRae, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Forty-sixth Mississippi Regiment, to rank from November 17, 1863.

C. V. Thompson, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Thirteenth Tennessee Regiment, to rank from December 4, 1863.

C. E. Kimball, of Virginia, to be adjutant Sixth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank from October 1, 1863.

John Fennelly, of Louisiana, to be adjutant Fourteenth Louisiana Regiment, to rank from December 12, 1863.

O. R. Funsten, of Virginia, to be adjutant Eleventh Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank from December 7, 1863.

A. J. Brooks, of Alabama, to be adjutant Forty-sixth Alabama Regiment, to rank from November 17, 1863.

John Law, of Georgia, to be adjutant Thirty-eighth Georgia Regiment, to rank from November 21, 1863.

D. A. Hinton, of Virginia, to be adjutant Forty-fourth Virginia Battalion, to rank from December 15, 1863.

J. E. H. Post, of Maryland, to be adjutant First Maryland Battalion Cavalry, to rank from December 1, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Jemison (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 188) for the relief of Greene T. Hill;
which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Jemison submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of giving to the Secretary of the Treasury the authority to allow or refund to tax collectors for counterfeit Treasury notes received by them in such cases as he shall consider there has been no fault or neglect on the part of the collector.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 90) to make additional appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1864; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 90) last mentioned was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Brown (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 189) for the establishment and equalization of the grades of officers of the Navy, and for other purposes;
which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Brown submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire and report what further legislation is necessary to prevent assistant quartermasters and

commissaries, and others, from detailing able-bodied men from the Army to collect the tax in kind and perform other light duties which may as well be performed by aged citizens and disabled soldiers as by men capable of bearing arms.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 85) to amend an act entitled "An act in relation to the receipt of counterfeit Treasury notes by public officers," reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Robert Y. Jones, praying compensation for taking the census, in 1860, in Abbeville district, South Carolina, and that it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, reported

A bill (S. 190) to regulate the collection of the tax in kind upon tobacco, and to amend an act entitled "An act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States," approved April 24, 1863;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 89) authorizing chaplains, in certain cases, to draw forage for one horse, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be requested to communicate to the Senate the names and rank of the officers appointed under the act to raise troops, approved October eleventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and the dates of their appointment. Also the names of those who have raised troops under such appointments, and of those who have failed to make report of what they have done, and of those whose commissions have been vacated as provided by said act.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 191) to amend an act entitled "An act to establish a volunteer navy," approved April 18, 1863; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 192) to regulate the allowance of traveling expenses of officers of the Navy and others traveling under orders; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Brown,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of the Virginia Volunteer Navy Company, praying an amendment of the law creating a volunteer navy, and also an appropriation of money to aid in the purchase and equipment of vessels.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That the report of the Commissioner of Patents for the year 1863 be printed.

Mr. Semmes, from the special committee appointed to prepare, on behalf of Congress, an address to the country, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 21) in relation to the war, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution last mentioned; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Whereas in view of the insane crusade now sought to be set on foot by the abolition Government of the North against us, and of the rash and desperate expedients now under consideration by them to carry their whole effective population into the field against us for three months: Therefore, we declare that the people of the South do put their unflinching trust in the Christian's God, and are undismayed; that they love their homes and families, their country and their liberty, and of all classes are willing to die for them; that they hail the shock of two great peoples where the only stake is all we are, all we have, and all we hope to be; that this shock, should it come, is the last mighty spasm of a Government of desperate demagogues over an ambitious party of pretended fanatics, and is the sure precursor of the end; that we are not unmindful of God's smiling mercy to us in compelling them to march these mighty hordes to our distant and already blood-stained fields, and that, with the blessings of God, they shall meet the fate the Saracen met at the hands of the Christians under Charles Martel: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs prepare a proper joint resolution authorizing the President to call out, at the proper time, for four months, the entire population of the South capable of bearing arms.

Second. That they prepare for the Senate, in that connection, a resolution for a joint committee with the House of Representatives, who shall prepare and submit a list of all grievances and reforms, both in men and measures, to be submitted to Congress, and to be by Congress addressed and urged upon the President, that all the Confederacy may be aroused and inspired.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That 250 additional copies of the report of the Committee

on the Judiciary on the bill (S. 150) to limit and define the term of office of the Secretary or principal officer of each of the Executive Departments, established by the several acts entitled "An act to organize the Department of State," "An act to establish the Treasury Department," "An act to establish the War Department," "An act to establish the Navy Department," "An act to establish the Post-Office Department," "An act to organize and establish an executive department, to be known as the Department of Justice," all of which acts were approved February 21, 1861, be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to meet at 11 o'clock on Monday.

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That leave of absence be granted to the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate until Wednesday next.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, to reconsider the vote on agreeing to the following amendment, viz: Insert at the end of the fourth clause of the tenth section the following proviso:

Provided further, That nothing in this clause contained shall prevent the detail of the owner to oversee the slaves on his own plantation,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas-----	19
	{ Nays-----	0

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Caperton, Clay, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said amendment; and

Mr. Jemison, by unanimous consent, withdrew the same.

On motion by Mr. Jemison, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the fourth clause of the tenth section the following proviso:

Provided further, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent the detail of the owner of a plantation on which there are twenty or more slaves, not placed thereon by division from any other farm since the eleventh day of October, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and where the President shall be satisfied the same will be indispensable for the production of grain or provisions for the support of the population at home or the support of the Army, and also on account of justice and equity: *Provided further*, That all owners so detailed shall pay into the public Treasury the sum of five hundred dollars per annum.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the proposed amendment by striking out all after "prevent" and inserting:

the President from detailing the owner of a plantation to oversee the same upon the terms and in the cases where such owner would have the right to claim the exemption of an overseer to manage such plantation,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by striking out the words "from the reserve," section 11, line 3, and inserting the words "from persons between forty-five and fifty-five years of age," and by striking out the words "of skilled artisans and workmen to produce munitions of war or other material necessary in carrying on the war; and in all other cases," section 11, lines 4, 5, and 6, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "in all cases,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the eleventh section the following proviso:

Provided, That the power herein granted to the President to make details and exemptions under certain circumstances shall not be construed to authorize the exemption or detail of any contractor for furnishing supplies to the Government by reason of said contract, unless the head or Secretary of the Department shall certify that the personal services of said contractor are indispensable to the execution of the contract and that the same is being carried out in good faith, and then never more than one person for each contract, or of the officers, clerks, agents, or employees of express companies,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by inserting the following independent section:

Sec. —. That any quartermaster or assistant quartermaster, commissary or assistant commissary (other than those serving with brigades or regiments in the field), or officer in the Niter Bureau, provost-marshal, or enrolling officer, who shall employ any person between the ages of eighteen and forty-five who is liable to military duty in the field, as a clerk, agent, or in any other way, shall, upon conviction thereof by a court-martial or military court, be cashiered. And it shall be the duty of any department or district commander, upon proof by the oath of any credible person that any quartermaster or assistant quartermaster, commissary or assistant commissary, or officer in the Niter Bureau, provost-marshal, or enrolling officer has violated this law, immediately to relieve said officer from his command and take prompt measures to have him tried for said offense; and any department or district commander who shall fail to do as required by this act as above stated shall, upon conviction thereof, be dismissed the service,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Henry, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the second section the following proviso:

Provided further, That all the persons herein named below the ages of forty-five and fifty-five shall only be placed in the service to act as details as herein provided,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, to amend the bill by inserting the following independent section:

Sec. —. That in appointing local boards of surgeons for the examination of persons liable to military service no member composing the same shall be appointed from the county in which said persons reside,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments made as in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On motion by Mr. Caperton, that the vote by which the bill was ordered to its engrossment and third reading be reconsidered,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas -----	13
	{ Nays -----	6

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Caperton, Clay, Haynes, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Orr, Phelan, Semmes, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Clark, Dortch, Henry, Simms, and Sparrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill.

On motion by Mr. Caperton, to amend the bill by striking out the following proviso in the ninth section, viz:

Provided, That those who have paid into the public Treasury the amount specified by the acts in relation to exemptions, approved eleventh October, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and first May, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and who may be held to service under this act, shall be repaid a fair proportion of the amount so paid by them, under rules to be prescribed by the Secretary of War,

and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Provided, That no person who has heretofore been exempted on account of religious opinions, and who has paid the tax levied to relieve him from that service, shall be conscribed under this act,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas.....	13
	{ Nays.....	6

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Caperton, Clay, Haynes, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Phelan, Semmes, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Clark, Dortch, Henry, Simms, and Sparrow.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas was, on his motion, excused from voting on the said amendment.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, to amend the bill by inserting before the word "Vice-President," in the second clause of the tenth section, the words "President and,"

It was determined in the negative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments made as in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas.....	15
	{ Nays.....	5

On motion by Mr. Brown,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Clay, Henry, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Dortch, Haynes, Oldham, and Orr.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., January 15, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States of America:

I have received from your honorable body, through the hands of your Secretary, a copy of the report and resolution adopted by you, in executive session, on the 9th instant.

The resolution is in the following words:

"Resolved, That the Senate do advise and consent to the appointment of the military officers nominated in the four several messages of the President, dated on the eighth instant, all of whom are from States west of the Mississippi River, for the reasons stated in the foregoing report, and that the action of the Senate herein is not to be construed as sanctioning or recognizing the right of the Executive, in nominating officers to the Senate, to fix the time at which they shall take rank anterior to the preceding session of Congress or at any time during such session."

By the first four lines of the resolution I am informed that the Senate acknowledge the legality and concur in the propriety of my action in regard to these nominations, by their advising and consenting to the appointments as proposed. This is the whole action usually taken on nominations, and seems to exhaust the authority over appointments vested in the Senate by the Constitution.

The reservation, however, in the present instance, that the Senate is not to be considered as sanctioning or recognizing the right of the Executive to do in the future, what the Senate have approved of his doing in the cases before them, as explained in the report, to which the resolution refers, imposes on me the necessity of this communication.

On referring to that report I confess my surprise at finding myself apparently charged with a violation of the Constitution, although no foundation exists for the implication conveyed in the report. I feel sure, therefore, that neither the committee nor the Senate could have intended or sanctioned such a charge, but I could not in justice to myself fail to call your attention to the language employed. It is as follows:

* * * "the only difficulty presented to the committee [in recommending the confirmation of the nominees] is that the date at which the officers nominated are to take rank is anterior to the last session of Congress.

"The committee are of opinion that the Constitution contemplates that all officers appointed in the recess of Congress shall only hold under such appointments to the close of the next session of Congress, and that they should be nominated, if it is intended to retain them in their offices, to the Senate at its first session after their appointment. This has not been done in this case;" * * *

The Senate can not but agree with me, that the plain inference from these passages is that the Constitution had been violated by my having appointed these officers during the recess, and retained them in office without nominating them to the Senate at its next session. It has thus become incumbent on me (while satisfied that neither the committee nor the Senate could have intended to make such an accusation) to repel any inference that might hereafter be drawn from my silence on the subject, by stating that not only had no appointments of these officers been made prior to the nominations on which the Senate has just acted, but that the fact of the necessity for the appointments only reached the Executive since the commencement of your present session, by communication received last month from the Trans-Mississippi Department.

Upon the point suggested in the close of the resolution, that the Executive is without the right to make a nomination to a military grade, coupled with rank from a

date prior to a former session of the Senate, it is not deemed proper to anticipate any future disagreement with the Senate, by presenting the reasons for the opposite conclusion, as being the only one consistent with the laws for the regulation of the Army, as well as with long-settled usage and the necessities of the service.

When the occasion shall arise, I can not doubt that the Senate will, notwithstanding this resolution, refuse to abandon its own constitutional power to act on nominations at its pleasure according to the merits of each case and the good of the service. I am confirmed in this conclusion by observing that the resolution was passed without a call for the yeas and nays, and therefore with probably less than the usual consideration, as well as by the further reflection that, as Executive nominations which meet the disapproval of the Senate on any ground are always subject to rejection without assignment of reasons, experience will show that no advantage can arise from the Senate curtailing its own discretion in future cases, by binding its own judgment in advance.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Maxwell (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 24) in relation to the exchange of prisoners; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the said resolution be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the Hon. Robert W. Barnwell have leave of absence from the sessions of the Senate until Monday next.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing an invalid corps, to be composed of officers and soldiers who have been incapacitated for field service by disease and the casualties of battle, and who, when organized, may be assigned to the performance of such light duties as are now performed by efficient officers and soldiers.

Mr. Orr submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing in the military service of the Confederate States all male free persons of color, between the ages of eighteen and fifty years, to be employed as cooks, teamsters, and laborers.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of a resolution inquiring what further legislation is necessary to prevent assistant quartermasters, commissaries, and others from detaching able-bodied men from the Army to collect the tax in kind and perform other light duties, etc.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 159) to authorize the appointment of an Assistant

Postmaster-General, and such clerks as may be necessary, to carry on the postal service in the States west of the Mississippi River.

On motion by Mr. Oldham, to amend the bill by inserting after "of," in the seventh line of the first section, the words "four thousand,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Oldham, to amend the bill by striking out the words "Assistant Postmaster-General," where they occur in the first and second sections, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "agent of the Post-Office Department,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting the following independent section:

SEC. 5. That this act shall expire on the day of the ratification of a treaty of peace between the Confederate States and the United States of America,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time and the title was amended.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be: "An act to authorize the appointment of an agent of the Post-Office Department, and such clerks as may be necessary, to carry on the postal service in the States west of the Mississippi River."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 84) to authorize the appointment of an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury west of the Mississippi; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, and the bill further amended, on the motion of Mr. Semmes, by striking out "three thousand dollars," in the seventh line of the first section, and inserting "four thousand dollars," it was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the title was amended to read: "An act to authorize the appointment of an agent of the Treasury Department west of the Mississippi."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 168) to provide for a new issue of Treasury notes, and for funding all such notes now outstanding.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 75) to amend an act to regulate impressments, approved March 26, 1863, and to repeal an act amendatory thereof, approved April 27, 1863.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary,

It was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: Strike out the first section of the bill, as follows:

That so much of the above-recited act as authorizes the commissioners appointed by the President of the Confederate States, and the governors of the different States, to fix the prices to be paid for property impressed, be, and the same is hereby, repealed,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas -----	15
	{ Nays -----	4

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Caperton, Clay, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Phelan, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Clark, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, and Orr.

The residue of the amendments reported from the Committee on the Judiciary were then agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, to amend the bill by striking out, in the eighth and ninth lines of the third section, the words "commissioners appointed under said act, to which this is an amendment, for their decision," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "next district court of the Confederate States,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Henry, to amend the bill by striking out, in the third and fourth lines of the fourth section, the words "which shall be the value of the property at the time and place of impressment" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "which shall be a just compensation for the property so impressed at the time and place of impressment,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Henry, to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting:

That when it may be necessary to impress property, including provisions for the public use, it shall be done by quartermasters of the Government. In case they can agree with the owners as to what is just compensation for the property so impressed, they shall pay for the same immediately.

SEC. 2. That in case they and the owners disagree as to what is just compensation, they shall give a receipt to the owner, descriptive of its quantity and quality, which shall be audited in Richmond for final adjustment and payment after the war, upon the decision of a court of claims, to be based upon evidence as to the just compensation for the property so impressed,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Henry, that the last-mentioned vote be reconsidered,

On motion by Mr. Henry,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 79) to prohibit dealing in the paper currency of the enemy; and the reported amendment having been agreed to,

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Wednesday next.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 170) to provide for the auditing and payment of certain claims in the State of Mississippi.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 92) to tax, fund, and limit the currency; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 92) last mentioned was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That it be printed in confidence for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the passage of the bill (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of E. B. White, to be colonel of artillery; W. D. Robison and James R. Hagood, to be colonels; J. E. Shelley, W. J. Hale, and M. L. Kirkpatrick, to be lieutenant-colonels; James Gardner, G. W. Day, Edward Y. Clarke, Samuel L. Bishop, and James T. Weaver, to be majors; James F. Fambro, George W. Booth, William B. Turner, and John S. McElderry, to be captains; D. P. Oglesby, E. H. Powell, George W. Bedell, Sam. D. Buck, J. W. Lapsley, J. S. Semple, J. H. H. Figgat, and Robert A. Bright, to be first lieutenants; R. J. Jordan, M. L. Hudgins, H. N. Clark, J. S. Addison, H. H. McCrady, Drury Lacy, William A. Ryan, J. W. Norwood, D. E. Bates, G. C. Foresinger, C. Berkeley, O. I. Youmans, I. J. Horn, J. O. Patten, B. F. O'Neal, M. S. Stringfellow, J. A. Walker, W. S. Williamson, J. N. Williamson, John W. Glenn, L. E. Wright, Joe Turner, E. Borland, L. L. Ducat, J. W. De Roope, Benjamin K. Cocke, H. W. Fullenwider, R. A. McClellan, W. M. Lawson, N. H. Farley, H. M. Cooper, M. C. Toms, W. T. White, R. G. Burgess, L. S. Peyton, F. G. Obenchain, A. S. Murphy, A. J. Cross, F. A. Buhrman, J. H. Du Bose, J. Cummings, H. Davis, George W. Orear, T. W. Carwile, P. M. Peed, W. A. Mickler, S. L. Blackwell, H. Carter, W. H. Hiett, J. W. Harrell, W. F. Durisoe, R. G. Shaw,

J. W. Hughes, A. C. Hargrove, J. D. Read, C. R. Smith, W. W. Courtney, and B. C. Washington, to be second lieutenants; W. R. Browne and John Rawle, to be majors of artillery; E. S. Hammond, John L. Barksdale, W. B. Jones, W. G. Williams, P. C. Gaston, D. H. Halsey, C. Wick. Gue, W. L. Pike, G. E. Manigault, John McRae, C. V. Thompson, C. E. Kimball, John Fennelly, O. R. Funsten, A. J. Brooks, John Law, D. A. Hinton, and J. E. H. Post, to be adjutants, with rank of first lieutenant, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Orr, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of James M. Mason, to be commissioner to represent the Confederate States to such foreign nations as the President may deem expedient, and James E. Macfarland, to be secretary to the commissioner, reported, with the recommendation that the said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nomination of E. M. Burton, to be postmaster at Montgomery, Ala.

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of E. M. Burton, to be postmaster at Montgomery, Ala.?

It was decided in the affirmative.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, January 18, 1864.

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury, I hereby nominate Lewis Cruger, to be Comptroller of the Treasury.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

RICHMOND, January 16, 1864.

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I hereby nominate the person named on the annexed list to the office designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, Richmond, January 16, 1864.

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following appointment in the Provisional Navy of the Confederate States:

Commander.

First Lieut. James D. Johnston, of Kentucky, of the Regular Navy.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 18, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 16, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Adjutants—first lieutenants.

William B. Lowrance, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Thirty-fourth North Carolina Regiment, to rank from December 11, 1863.

Morgan Stickley, of Virginia, to be adjutant Fiftieth Virginia Regiment, to rank from November 28, 1863.

Edwin S. Moore, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Twentieth North Carolina Regiment, to rank from January 7, 1864.

Samuel F. Chapman, of Virginia, to be adjutant Forty-third Virginia Cavalry Battalion, to rank from January 4, 1864.

R. L. Watson, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Fifth Mississippi Cavalry Regiment, to rank from December 7, 1863.

James S. Carothers, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Nineteenth Mississippi Cavalry Battalion, to rank from November 24, 1863.

O. T. Thweatt, of Georgia, to be adjutant Twenty-seventh Georgia Battalion, to rank from November 28, 1863.

Hugh R. Smith, of Virginia, to be adjutant Twelfth Virginia Regiment, to rank from November 2, 1863.

Charles Quarles, of Missouri, to be adjutant Second Missouri Cavalry Regiment, to rank from December 12, 1863.

R. S. McFarlin, of Georgia, to be adjutant Sixtieth Georgia Regiment, to rank from June 13, 1863.

James Keith, of Virginia, to be adjutant Fourth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, to rank from December 7, 1863.

George S. Dewey, of North Carolina, to be adjutant Ninth North Carolina Regiment, to rank from July 23, 1863.

Robert C. Carlton, of Arkansas, to be adjutant Twenty-fifth Arkansas Regiment, to rank from December 7, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 18, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 6, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

Lieut. Col. J. Randolph Lane, of North Carolina, to be colonel Twenty-sixth North Carolina Regiment, vice Colonel Burgwyn, killed, to rank from July 3, 1863.

Lieut. Col. Benjamin R. Hart, of Alabama, to be colonel Twenty-second Alabama Regiment, vice Col. J. C. Marrast, deceased, to rank from December 15, 1863.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. F. F. Bookter, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Twelfth South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. H. C. Davis, resigned, to rank from November 17, 1863.

Maj. George W. Law, of Missouri, to be lieutenant-colonel First Missouri Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Maupin, killed, to rank from November 18, 1863.

Maj. Philip Lee, of Kentucky, to be lieutenant-colonel Second Kentucky Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Moss, promoted, to rank from October 19, 1863.

Maj. J. C. Gordon, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel First Confederate Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Aderhold, cashiered, to rank from September 2, 1863.

Maj. C. D. Anderson, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Cleveland, resigned, to rank from June 16, 1863.

Maj. W. Smith Davis, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Twelfth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. T. L. Jones, resigned, to rank from October 21, 1862.

Maj. J. C. Goodgame, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Twelfth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Pickens, promoted, to rank from September 16, 1862.

Maj. R. Randolph, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fourth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Payne, promoted, to rank from September 1, 1863.

Maj. H. T. Toulmin, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-second Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Hart, promoted, to rank from December 15, 1863.

Maj. M. R. Hall, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-eighth Georgia Regiment.

Majors.

Capt. T. E. Upshaw, of Virginia, to be major Thirteenth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Major Gillette, deceased, to rank from November 2, 1863.

Capt. W. C. Parker, of Missouri, to be major First Missouri Cavalry Regiment, vice Maj. G. W. Law, promoted, to rank from November 18, 1862.

Capt. H. McDowell, of Kentucky, to be major Second Kentucky Regiment, vice Maj. P. Lee, promoted, to rank from October 19, 1863.

Capt. E. M. Dodson, of Georgia, to be major First Confederate Regiment, vice Major Gordon, promoted, to rank from September 2, 1863.

Capt. James T. Adams, of North Carolina, to be major Twenty-sixth North Carolina Regiment, vice Maj. J. T. Jones, promoted, to rank from July 3, 1863.

Capt. W. M. Arnold, of Georgia, to be major Sixth Georgia Regiment, vice Major Anderson, promoted, to rank from June 16, 1863.

Capt. Samuel Sharp, of Tennessee, to be major Thirty-first Tennessee Regiment, vice Major Hudson, deceased, to rank from October 8, 1862.

Capt. John W. Davis, of Alabama, to be major Twentieth Alabama Regiment, vice Major Porter, promoted, to rank from September 18, 1863.

Capt. R. M. Tankesley, of Tennessee, to be major Thirty-seventh Tennessee Regiment, vice Major McReynolds, killed, to rank from December 31, 1862.

Capt. J. W. Drane, of Mississippi, to be major Thirty-first Mississippi Regiment, vice Major Topp, deceased, to rank from July 23, 1863.

Capt. W. C. Capers, of Louisiana, to be major First Louisiana Artillery Regiment, vice Major Montaigne, deceased, to rank from July 21, 1863.

Capt. W. B. Wooldridge, of Virginia, to be major Fourth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Major Randolph, promoted, to rank from September 1, 1863.

Capt. E. H. Armistead, of Alabama, to be major Twenty-second Alabama Regiment, vice Major Toulmin, promoted, to rank from December 15, 1863.

Capt. T. E. Clyburn, of South Carolina, to be major Twelfth South Carolina Regiment, vice Major Bookter, promoted, to rank from November 17, 1863.

Capt. G. W. Maxson, of Kentucky, to be major Sixth Kentucky Regiment, vice Major Clarke, promoted, to rank from September 30, 1863.

Capt. John K. Allen, of Mississippi, to be major Thirtieth Mississippi Regiment, vice Major Johnson, promoted, to rank from September 22, 1863.

Captains.

First Lieut. H. W. Fowler, of Louisiana, to be captain, First Louisiana Artillery Regiment, vice Captain Capers, promoted, to rank from July 21, 1863.

First Lieut. McMillan King, of South Carolina, to be captain, First South Carolina Artillery Regiment, vice Captain Harleston, promoted, to rank from ———.

First lieutenants.

Second Lieut. J. D. Scott, of Louisiana, to be first lieutenant, First Louisiana Artillery Regiment, vice Lieutenant Fowler, promoted, to rank from July 21, 1863.

Second Lieut. F. C. Lucas, of South Carolina, to be first lieutenant, Fifteenth South Carolina Battalion Artillery, vice Lieutenant Reveley, promoted, to rank from November 1, 1863.

Second Lieut. W. H. Grimball, of South Carolina, to be first lieutenant, First South Carolina Artillery Regiment, vice Lieutenant Alston, deceased, to rank from August 25, 1863.

Second Lieut. E. J. Simkins, of South Carolina, to be first lieutenant, First South Carolina Artillery Regiment, vice Lieutenant King, promoted, to rank from November 24, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the report, with accompanying resolution, of the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted September 23, 1862, on a message of the President, requesting the advice of the Senate as to the meaning of the first clause of the sixth article of the Constitution, in regard to the reappointment of officers of the Regular and Provisional Army and Navy, appointed during the existence of the Provisional Government, and confirmed by the Provisional Congress.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Jemison presented the memorial of Leach & Avery, praying compensation for a house burned by order of R. F. Knott, provost-marshal of the city of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Phelan (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 193) to abolish the office of third lieutenant of infantry in the Army of the Confederate States; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 170) to provide for the auditing and payment of certain claims in the State of Mississippi; and

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 75) to amend an act to regulate impressments,

approved March 26, 1863, and to repeal an act amendatory thereof, approved April 27, 1863.

On motion by Mr. Henry, to reconsider the vote on the rejection of the following amendment, viz:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

That when it may be necessary to impress property, including provisions for the public use, it shall be done by quartermasters of the Government. In case they can agree with the owners as to what is just compensation for the property so impressed, they shall pay for the same immediately.

Sec. 2. That in case they and the owners disagree as to what is just compensation, they shall give a receipt to the owner, descriptive of its quantity and quality, which shall be audited in Richmond for final adjustment and payment after the war, upon the decision of a court of claims, to be based upon evidence as to the just compensation for the property so impressed,

It was determined in the negative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments made as in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 81) to prevent the procuring, aiding, and assisting persons to desert from the Army of the Confederate States, and for other purposes; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 154) to prevent speculation, hoarding, and extortion; and

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 167) to amend an act to provide a mode of authenticating claims for money against the Confederate States, not otherwise provided for, approved August 30, 1861; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions providing for regular and perfect reports of the debates of the Senate; and

On motion by Mr. Clark,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the following bills:

S. 182. A bill to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the public defense;

S. 183. A bill to prohibit the importation of luxuries, or of articles not necessities or of common use; and

S. 184. A bill to establish a bureau of foreign supplies; and

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That they be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., January 19, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering copies of several additional reports of military operations during the last year.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 182) to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the public defense.

On motion by Mr. Clay, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the fifth section the following proviso:

Provided, That nothing in this act shall be construed to prohibit the Confederate States, or any of them, from exporting any of the articles herein enumerated on their own account,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Clay, to amend the bill by inserting after "or," section 4, line 9, the words "towards the," and by inserting after "territory," in the same line, the words "of the Confederate States,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Oldham, to amend the bill by striking out the word "whether," in the third line of the sixth section, and by striking out the words "and of all suits against them for acts done or committed under the same," in the sixth and seventh lines of the same section,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Jemison, to amend the bill by inserting after "such," section 1, line 5, the word "uniform,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Clark, to amend the bill by inserting after "suppress," section 7, line 8, the words "and disperse,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by adding thereto the following section:

SEC. 8. That this act shall expire on the day of the ratification of a treaty of peace with the United States,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 183) to prohibit the importation of luxuries, or of articles not necessities or of common use.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by striking out the words "caps, hats," section 2, line 3, and by inserting after "part," in the fourth line of the same section, the words "except caps and hats,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by inserting before "wool," section 4, line 6, the words "cotton, flax,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Clay, to amend the bill by inserting after "maximum," section 4, line 4, the word "foreign,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the fourth section the following proviso:

Provided further, That this act shall not apply to any article or articles which have been or shall be shipped without knowledge of the passage of this act before the first day of March next, but which shall arrive in a Confederate port after that day,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the bill by inserting the following independent section:

Sec. —. That all laws imposing duties upon importations into the Confederate States be, and the same are hereby, repealed,

It was determined in the negative.

The bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Clay, it was reported to the Senate and the amendments made as in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (H. R. 86) to provide for holding elections for Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States from the State of Missouri.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *January 19, 1864.*

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I hereby nominate the person named upon the annexed list to the office designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, January 19, 1864.*

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following appointment in the Navy:

Assistant paymaster.

Willis B. Cobb, of Kentucky.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *January 19, 1864.*

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury, I hereby nominate J. W. M. Harris, to be Third Auditor of the Treasury.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred (on the 18th instant) the nomination of Lewis Cruger, to be Comptroller of the Treasury, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, announcing the removal from office by the President of Arthur F. Holmes, esq., appraiser at the port of Charleston, to take effect at the end of the present month, his services being no longer necessary as such in the present condition of that port; which was read.

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *January 18, 1864.*

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 8, 1863.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS-GENERAL.

Colonel.

George William Brent, of Virginia, to rank from September 5, 1863.

Lieutenant-colonels.

T. B. Roy, of Virginia, to rank from June 13, 1863.
G. M. Sorrel, of Georgia, to rank from June 18, 1863.
Archer Anderson, of Virginia, to rank from July 11, 1863.
Thomas M. Jack, of Texas, to rank from July 18, 1863.
G. St. Leger Grenfell, of Tennessee, to rank from May 2, 1863.
A. S. Pendleton, of Virginia, to rank from July 23, 1863.

Majors.

I. Szymanski, of Louisiana, to rank from May 15, 1863.
H. A. Whiting, of Alabama, to rank from May 12, 1863.
Greene Peyton, of Virginia, to rank from May 12, 1863.
H. B. McClellan, of Virginia, to rank from May 2, 1863.
A. R. Venable, of Virginia, to rank from May 11, 1863.
George A. Gallagher, of North Carolina, to rank from May 19, 1863.
A. Vander Horst, of South Carolina, to rank from May 2, 1863.
William H. Palmer, of Virginia, to rank from May 2, 1863.
D. E. Huger, of South Carolina, to rank from May 2, 1863.
L. H. Hunt, of North Carolina, to rank from June 2, 1863.
J. A. Engelhard, of North Carolina, to rank from June 2, 1863.
H. H. Harrison, of Virginia, to rank from June 2, 1863.
R. H. Finney, of Virginia, to rank from June 2, 1863.
W. C. Hall, of Maryland, to rank from May 27, 1863.
H. K. Douglas, of Virginia, to rank from June 30, 1863.
D. C. Jenkins, of Mississippi, to rank from May 27, 1863.
Thomas Rowland, of North Carolina, to rank from June 8, 1863.
Thomas P. Branch, of North Carolina, to rank from June 16, 1863.
John C. Thompson, of Tennessee, to rank from June 7, 1863.
R. A. Hatcher, of Tennessee, to rank from June 2, 1863.
J. P. Wilson, of Tennessee, to rank from May 2, 1863.
G. Andrews, of Georgia, to rank from July 14, 1863.
J. W. Pegram, of Virginia, to rank from July 30, 1863.
William Elliott, of South Carolina, to rank from August 3, 1863.
G. C. Brown, of Tennessee, to rank from June 1, 1863.
J. P. Johnson, of Arkansas, to rank from August 14, 1863.
H. Robinson, of Virginia, to rank from August 20, 1863.
J. P. Strange, of Tennessee, to take rank from August 30, 1863.
K. Falconer, of Mississippi, to rank from August 23, 1863.
Robert W. Hunter, of Virginia, to rank from July 3, 1863.
Howell Webb, of Tennessee, to rank from May 14, 1863.
D. H. Poole, of Georgia, to rank from August 20, 1863.
R. R. Hutchinson, of Missouri, to rank from May 2, 1863.
James H. Alexander, of Georgia, to rank from September 14, 1863.
J. D. Ferguson, of Virginia, to rank from September 16, 1863.
Thomas F. Bowie, of Maryland, to rank from September 16, 1863.
T. G. Barker, of South Carolina, to rank from August 3, 1863.
John Preston, of South Carolina, to rank from September 22, 1863.
M. H. Royston, of Texas, to rank from November 10, 1863.
J. E. Groce, of Texas, to rank from November 10, 1863.
J. H. New, of Louisiana, to rank from November 2, 1863.
George Freamer, of Virginia, to rank from November 2, 1863.
David W. Sanders, of North Carolina, to rank from October 24, 1863.
James A. Shingleur, of Georgia, to rank from November 2, 1863.
John F. Lay, of Virginia, to rank from December 4, 1863.

Captains.

T. T. Taylor, of Arkansas, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 J. T. Hearne, of Texas, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 George Turner, jr., of Virginia, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 A. J. Porter, of Tennessee, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 W. J. Seymour, of Louisiana, to rank from May 26, 1863.
 A. F. Woolley, of Georgia, to rank from May 25, 1863.
 J. P. C. Whitehead, of Alabama, to rank from May 24, 1863.
 J. M. Macon, of Alabama, to rank from May 10, 1863.
 C. G. Elliott, of North Carolina, to rank from May 16, 1863.
 James M. Adams, of North Carolina, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 J. R. Troup, of Georgia, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 Willis F. Jones, of Kentucky, to rank from July 3, 1863.
 W. J. Davis, of Virginia, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 Samuel H. Buck, of Kentucky, to rank from April 16, 1863.
 E. Walworth, of Mississippi, to rank from July 20, 1863.
 J. C. Moncreure, of Virginia, to rank from June 18, 1863.
 R. Lowndes, of South Carolina, to rank from July 21, 1863.
 H. N. Martin, of Mississippi, to rank from August 3, 1863.
 C. I. Walker, of South Carolina, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 W. R. Preston, of Virginia, to rank from August 11, 1863.
 Lamar Cobb, of Georgia, to rank from June 25, 1863.
 Robert D. Early, of Virginia, to rank from August 14, 1863.
 Sumter Lea, of Alabama, to rank from August 3, 1863.
 R. M. Grinnell, of Louisiana, to rank from August 17, 1863.
 L. K. Marshall, of Louisiana, to rank from August 20, 1863.
 D. R. Gurley, of Texas, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 Neville Soule, of Louisiana, to rank from August 29, 1863.
 James L. Gaines, of North Carolina, to rank from July 23, 1863.
 James W. Johnston, of Alabama, to rank from August 5, 1863.
 B. F. Weems, of Texas, to rank from September 3, 1863.
 A. H. Pickett, of Alabama, to rank from August 15, 1863.
 R. B. Henderson, of North Carolina, to rank from August 13, 1863.
 A. Burwell, of Arkansas, to rank from May 27, 1863.
 W. L. Nugent, of Mississippi, to rank from August 15, 1863.
 C. S. D. Jones, of Virginia, to rank from September 7, 1863.
 J. W. Mathews, of Alabama, to rank from September 1, 1863.
 T. C. Holliday, of Mississippi, to rank from August 25, 1863.
 P. Fontaine, of Virginia, to rank from September 11, 1863.
 W. F. Bullock, jr., of Kentucky, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 R. J. Hallett, of Virginia, to rank from September 23, 1863.
 J. M. Brandon, of South Carolina, to rank from August 15, 1863.
 R. G. Atkins, of Virginia, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 John C. Pogram, of Virginia, to rank from July 1, 1863.
 J. G. Clarke, of Louisiana, to rank from September 15, 1863.
 F. R. R. Smith, of North Carolina, to rank from September 28, 1863.
 J. M. Flanagan, of Missouri, to rank from July 13, 1863.
 R. W. B. Elliott, of Georgia, to rank from October 20, 1863.
 G. Thomas Cox, of Tennessee, to rank from October 1, 1863.
 J. B. Hardeman, of Texas, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 E. P. Turner, of Virginia, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 Alexander Pope, of Texas, to rank from August 1, 1863.
 H. E. Henderson, of Louisiana, to rank from October 23, 1863.
 I. R. Branham, of Georgia, to rank from October 24, 1863.
 W. W. Chamberlaine, of Virginia, to rank from October 23, 1863.
 J. L. Chandler, of Alabama, to rank from October 22, 1863.
 V. Dabney, of Virginia, to rank from September 10, 1863.
 W. L. Church, of Georgia, to rank from September 28, 1863.
 J. N. Lipscomb, of South Carolina, to rank from September 1, 1863.
 E. C. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 E. Johnston, of Virginia, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 George Eyster, of Virginia, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 J. M. Pace, of Alabama, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 W. C. Coughenour, of North Carolina, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 E. A. Hawkins, of Georgia, to rank from November 2, 1863.

G. Williamson, of Maryland, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 R. Cleary, of Virginia, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 J. M. Richardson, of South Carolina, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 W. E. Cameron, of Virginia, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 C. Anderson, of Georgia, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 J. W. Riddick, of North Carolina, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 L. C. Haskell, of South Carolina, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 James Walker, of Georgia, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 R. D. Spann, of South Carolina, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 James G. Spann, of South Carolina, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 James Hays, of Mississippi, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 E. T. Nicholson, of North Carolina, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 William Brown, of Virginia, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 W. J. Gorham, of Georgia, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 John M. Lee, of Virginia, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 H. Bolling, of Maryland, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 J. V. Nash, of Virginia, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 R. B. Kennon, of Virginia, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 W. F. Hullehen, of Virginia, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 C. Dabney, of Virginia, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 J. P. Smith, of Virginia, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 W. M. Dwight, of South Carolina, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 J. T. Hackett, of Georgia, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 J. H. Hobart, of Mississippi, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 H. H. Perry, of Georgia, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 John W. Kerr, of Texas, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 T. L. Christian, of Alabama, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 W. A. Tennille, of Georgia, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 L. G. Young, of North Carolina, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 R. L. Maupin, of Virginia, to rank from July 18, 1863.
 John S. Smith, of Alabama, to rank from October 18, 1863.
 J. C. H. Bryant, of Virginia, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 J. R. Chambers, of Louisiana, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 George D. Wise, of Virginia, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 John Vidmer, of Alabama, to rank from November 2, 1863.
 John McAfee, of Kentucky, to rank from November 20, 1863.
 E. J. Hale, of North Carolina, to rank from October 24, 1863.
 F. C. Cox, of Virginia, to rank from November 27, 1863.
 J. H. Judkins, of Alabama, to rank from October 22, 1863.
 Henry Jackson, of Georgia, to rank from November 17, 1863.
 John W. Emmett, of Louisiana, to rank from November 20, 1863.
 S. H. Gee, of North Carolina, to rank from November 11, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, that the order laying on the table the message of the President of the 15th instant, referring to the resolution from the Committee on Military Affairs relative to the appointment of certain officers in the Trans-Mississippi Department, be communicated to the President,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 194) to organize bodies for the capture and destruction of the enemy's property, by land or sea, and to authorize compensation for the same;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Semmes submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the Confederate States be requested to inform the Senate at what time the chief tax collector for the State of Louisiana was appointed; and when, and in what part of the State, he entered upon the discharge of his duties.

Mr. Phelan (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 195) creating the office of ensign in the Army of the Confederate States;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to communicate to the Senate:

1. The aggregate amount of the funded debt of the Confederate States on the first of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, exclusive of call certificates.
2. The aggregate amount of call certificates outstanding on the first of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.
3. The aggregate amount of noninterest-bearing Treasury notes, exclusive of those below the denomination of five dollars, outstanding on the first of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.
4. The aggregate amount of interest-bearing Treasury notes outstanding on the first of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.
5. The aggregate amount of Treasury notes below the denomination of five dollars outstanding on the first of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, reported

A bill (S. 196) to extend the provisions of an act entitled "An act in relation to the receipt of counterfeit Treasury notes by public officers," approved May 1, 1863;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 91) to fix the rank, pay, and allowances of adjutants of regiments and independent battalions; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

On motion by Mr. Simms,
The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Simms (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 197) to redeem outstanding Treasury notes and discharge the public debt, and thereby restore the public credit; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the vote on passing the bill (S. 183) to prohibit the importation of luxuries, or of articles not necessities or of common use, was reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the vote on ordering the said bill to its engrossment and third reading was also reconsidered.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of said bill.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by adding thereto the following independent section:

SEC. 11. That this act shall expire on the day of the ratification of a treaty of peace with the United States,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 169) to repeal an act entitled "An act supplementary to an act to provide for the funding and further issue of Treasury notes," approved April 30th, 1863; and

On motion by Mr. Jemison,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Friday next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 93) to organize a Treasury note bureau; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 93) last mentioned was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 184) to establish a bureau of foreign supplies.

On motion by Mr. Clay, to amend the bill by striking out the seventh section, as follows:

SEC. 7. That the said bureau shall consist of one colonel, two lieutenant-colonels, four majors, and four captains, with the pay and allowances of officers of artillery of the same grades, and of such agents as may be necessary, whose compensation shall be fixed by the Secretary of War,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Oldham, to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting:

That for the purpose of exporting cotton and other produce, to supply, by imports, the military and other necessities of the Government during the continuance of the war with the United States, an independent bureau of the Treasury Department be established, to be entitled the bureau of foreign supplies.

SEC. 2. That the said bureau shall be charged with the purchase of cotton and other produce for export, and with the transmission and sale of the same, and placing the funds arising therefrom at such places, in foreign countries, as may be necessary for the purchase and payment of such munitions of war and such other supplies as may be required by the several Departments of the Government.

SEC. 3. That the funds arising from the sales of cotton and other produce shall be subject to the drafts of the agents of the Government charged with the purchase of munitions of war and other supplies for the Government, and the several Departments thereof, under such regulations as shall be prescribed by the President.

SEC. 4. That all steamers now owned by any of the Departments of the Government, and used to supply their necessities from abroad, and all contracts for the increase of the number of such steamers and vessels be, and they are hereby, transferred to said bureau.

SEC. 5. That the chief of said bureau shall, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, have full power to contract for and purchase such steamers and vessels, to be owned, wholly or in part, by the Government, as may be necessary for the discharge of the duties imposed by the bureau, and to obtain the general objects as set forth in the first section of this act.

SEC. 6. That the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, may appoint a chief officer for said bureau, to take charge of the business of the same, whose salary shall be dollars; and the Secretary of the Treasury may appoint such number of clerks in said bureau as may be necessary to transact the business of the same, whose salary shall be dollars each.

SEC. 7. That the chief of said bureau may appoint suitable purchasing agents, of known integrity and business capacity, who shall be charged with the purchase of cotton and other produce, and the transportation of the same to points for shipment, under regulations to be prescribed by the chief of said bureau, under the approval of the President and Secretary of the Treasury. Said agents shall, before entering upon their duties, give bond, with approved security, conditioned for the faithful performance of their duty, and shall also take and subscribe an oath, before some officer authorized by law to administer the same, that they will not, directly or indirectly, be engaged in the purchase or sale, on private account, for themselves or any other person, of any cotton or other produce, appertaining to their said agency, while so employed as agents of the Government.

SEC. 8. That any officer or agent connected with said bureau, who shall be guilty of buying or selling, on private account, for himself or any other person, any cotton or other produce, of which said bureau is charged with the purchase, shall, upon conviction before any court of the Confederate States having jurisdiction, be fined by the court in a sum not exceeding dollars, and shall be imprisoned for a period not less than nor more than years.

On motion by Mr. Jemison, to amend the proposed amendment by striking out the words "Secretary of the Treasury," where they occur therein, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Secretary of War,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The question then recurring on the amendment proposed by Mr. Oldham, as amended,

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Commerce.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S.175) to suspend the writ of habeas corpus in all cases involving the right to subject to military duty persons who have furnished substitutes to the Army of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, that the bill be transferred to the Open Legislative Calendar,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Henry, to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting:

That the writ of habeas corpus is hereby suspended in these Confederate States, and that this act shall continue in force until thirty days after the meeting of the next Congress, and no longer; and that the suspension of said writ is limited to arrests made by the authorities of the Confederate Government, or for offenses against the same.

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred (on the 19th instant) the nomination of J. W. M. Harris, to be Third Auditor of the Treasury, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance have leave to sit, to-day, during the session of the Senate.

Mr. Phelan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was recommitted the bill (S. 170) to provide for the auditing and payment of certain claims in the State of Mississippi, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

H. R. 87. An act appropriating one hundred thousand dollars for the use and benefit of the Cherokee Nation; and

H. R. 89. An act authorizing chaplains, in certain cases, to draw forage for one horse.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The bill (H. R. 91) to fix the rank, pay, and allowances of adjutants of regiments and independent battalions, received yesterday from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 23) in relation to the salaries of the judges of the district courts of the Confederate States for the State of Virginia; and no amendments being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 94) to provide for wounded and disabled officers, soldiers, and seamen an asylum, to be called "The Veteran Soldiers' Home;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill and an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The bill (H. R. 94) communicated this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the following bills:

H. R. 79. A bill to prohibit dealing in the paper currency of the enemy; and

S. 150. A bill to limit and define the term of office of the Secretary or principal officer of each of the Executive Departments, established by the several acts entitled "An act to organize the Department of State," "An act to establish the Treasury Department," "An act to establish the War Department," "An act to establish the Navy Department," "An act to establish the Post-Office Department," "An act to organize and establish an executive department, to be known as the Department of Justice," all of which acts were approved February 21, 1861; and

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the following bills:

S. 174. A bill to authorize the issue of certain bonds for payment to the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company, of the State of Florida;

S. 171. A bill for the establishment and regulation of territorial commands in the Army;

S. 180. A bill to provide for the investigation and settlement of the transactions and accounts of quartermasters, commissaries, contractors, and other financial and disbursing officers, agents, and employees of the Confederate States;

S. 187. A bill declaring persons owing military service to the Confederate States, and who seek to avoid such service by removing beyond the control and jurisdiction of said States, alien enemies, and subjecting their property to confiscation; and

H. R. 85. A bill to amend an act entitled "An act in relation to the receipt of counterfeit Treasury notes by public officers;" and

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 186) to regulate the salaries of the judges of the district courts of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the bill by striking therefrom the words "five thousand dollars" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "four thousand dollars,"

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Clay, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed indefinitely,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	9
	{ Nays	7

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Clark, Clay, Jemison, Johnson of Missouri, Orr, Phelan, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Maxwell, and Sparrow,

So it was

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 195) creating the office of ensign in the Army of the Confederate States, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the message of the President of the Confederate States of the 23d of December last, transmitting a communication from the Secretary of War relative to the Quartermaster General, submitted a report (No. 17) accompanied by the following resolutions:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of the Senate, A. C. Myers is now Quartermaster-General of the Confederate States Army, and is by law authorized and required to discharge the duties thereof.

Resolved, That A. R. Lawton is not authorized by law to discharge the duties of said office.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the report and resolutions, the message of the President, with the accompanying documents; the message of the President of the 12th of September, 1862, requesting the advice of the Senate as to the meaning of the first clause of the sixth article of the Constitution, together with the report of the Committee of the Judiciary thereon, made on the 19th of September, 1862; and a resolution passed by the Senate on the 23d of September, 1862, defining the meaning of the said first clause of the sixth article of the Constitution, be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 51) to fix the pay and allowances of the master armorer of the Confederate States Armory at Richmond, Va., communicated by the House of Representatives to the Senate at the last session for concurrence; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 192) to regulate the allowance of traveling expenses of officers of the Navy and others traveling under orders.

On motion by Mr. Simms, to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting:

That officers of the Navy and others traveling under orders of the Navy Department shall be allowed the same pay as that allowed officers and other persons traveling under orders of the War Department,

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 198) to provide for the organization of a bureau of polytechnics for the examination, experiment, and application of warlike inventions;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Henry,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Orr presented the credentials of the Hon. Edwin G. Reade, appointed a Senator by the executive of the State of North Carolina, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. George Davis; which were read, and the oath prescribed by the Constitution was administered to Mr. Reade, and he took his seat in the Senate.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 95. A bill for the relief of taxpayers in certain cases; and

H. R. 96. A bill to authorize the issue of certificates for interest on the fifteen million loan.

The bills (H. R. 95, H. R. 96) last mentioned were read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Jemison presented the memorial of John B. Read, of the State of Alabama, praying compensation for the use, by the Army and Navy of the Confederate States, of the "Read shell," which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Clay submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate be instructed to pay, out of the contingent fund of the Senate, to P. Kean, a sum not exceeding seven hundred and sixty-six dollars, in compensation of his services for superintending the printing, and reading and correcting the proof sheets of the testimony taken before the joint committee "to investigate the management of the Navy Department under its present head."

Mr. Phelan (by leave) introduced the following bills:

S. 199. A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts," approved October 9, 1862; and

S. 200. A bill to confer additional powers upon courts-martial and military courts;

which were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Brown (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 201) to increase the compensation of the Commissioner of Patents;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Sparrow (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 202) to punish absence from the Army;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance have leave to sit during the sessions of the Senate.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 91) to fix the rank, pay, and allowances of adjutants of regiments and independent battalions, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

On motion by Mr. Clark,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled a bill and joint resolution of the following titles:

H. R. 81. An act to prevent the procuring, aiding, and assisting persons to desert from the Army of the Confederate States, and for other purposes; and

H. R. 21. Joint resolution in relation to the war.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill and enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 79) to prohibit dealing in the paper currency of the enemy; and no further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the following bills:

S. 192. A bill to regulate the allowance of traveling expenses of officers of the Navy and others traveling under orders;

S. 150. A bill to limit and define the term of office of the Secretary or principal officer of each of the Executive Departments, established by the several acts entitled "An act to organize the Department of

State," "An act to establish the Treasury Department," "An act to establish the War Department," "An act to establish the Navy Department," "An act to establish the Post-Office Department," "An act to organize and establish an executive department, to be known as the Department of Justice," all of which acts were approved February 21, 1861;

S. 171. A bill for the establishment and regulation of territorial commands in the Army; and

S. 174. A bill to authorize the issue of certain bonds for payment to the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company, of the State of Florida; and

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said bills be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 180) to provide for the investigation and settlement of the transactions and accounts of quartermasters, commissaries, contractors, and other financial and disbursing officers, agents, and employees of the Confederate States.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by striking out the ninth section, as follows:

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect from its passage, and all laws militating against its provisions are repealed,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 187) declaring persons owing military service to the Confederate States, and who seek to avoid such service by removing beyond the control and jurisdiction of said States, alien enemies, and subjecting their property to confiscation; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Clark,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 19th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 86) to provide for holding elections for Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States from the State of Missouri.

On motion by Mr. Clark,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the proceedings of the Senate on the bill (H. R. 86) last mentioned.

On motion by Mr. Clark,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *January 20, 1864.*

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, January 15, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

Lieut. Col. A. C. Edwards, of Georgia, to be colonel Forty-seventh Georgia Regiment, vice Col. G. W. M. Williams, deceased, to rank from August 30, 1863.

Lieut. Col. George H. Jones, of Georgia, to be colonel Twenty-second Georgia Regiment, vice Colonel Wasden, killed, to rank from November 14, 1863.

Lieut. Col. Martin H. Cofer, of Kentucky, to be colonel Sixth Kentucky Regiment, vice Col. J. H. Lewis, promoted, to rank from September 30, 1863.

Lieut. Col. W. R. Peck, of Louisiana, to be colonel Ninth Louisiana Regiment, vice Col. L. A. Stafford, promoted, to rank from October 8, 1863.

Lieut. Col. B. Timmons, of Texas, to be colonel Waul's Legion, vice Col. T. N. Waul, promoted, to rank from September 18, 1863.

Lieut. Col. Robert W. Pitman, of Tennessee, to be colonel Thirteenth Tennessee Regiment, vice Col. A. J. Vaughan, jr., promoted, to rank from November 18, 1863.

Lieut. Col. William A. Feeney, of Mississippi, to be colonel Forty-second Mississippi Regiment, vice Col. H. Moseley, resigned, to rank from December 18, 1863.

Lieut. Col. R. W. Withers, of Virginia, to be colonel Forty-second Virginia Regiment, vice Col. A. J. Deyerle, resigned, to rank from November 27, 1863.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. Thomas H. Watkins, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifty-second Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. D. H. Ross, resigned, to rank from December 19, 1863.

Maj. John J. Hodges, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel Ninth Louisiana Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. W. R. Peck, promoted, to rank from October 8, 1863.

Maj. Thomas W. Thompson, of Kentucky, to be lieutenant-colonel Fourth Kentucky Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. A. Adair, resigned, to rank from August 31, 1863.

Maj. William L. Clarke, of Kentucky, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixth Kentucky Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. M. H. Cofer, promoted, to rank from September 30, 1863.

Maj. Beverly L. Dyer, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirteenth Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. R. W. Pitman, promoted, to rank from November 18, 1863.

Maj. E. T. Stackhouse, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Eighth South Carolina Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Hoole, killed, to rank from September 18, 1863.

Maj. E. Warfield, of Arkansas, to be lieutenant-colonel Second Arkansas Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Harvey, deceased, to rank from September 30, 1863.

Maj. John W. Dawson, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel One hundred and fifty-fourth Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Magevney, promoted, to rank from August 30, 1862.

Maj. Jack Wharton, of Texas, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixth Texas Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. J. S. Griffith, resigned, to rank from August 14, 1863.

Maj. C. W. Heiskell, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Nineteenth Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. B. F. Moore, killed, to rank from November 25, 1863.

Maj. Andrew M. Nelson, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-second Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. W. A. Feeney, promoted, to rank from December 18, 1863.

Maj. Samuel H. Saunders, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-second Virginia Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. R. W. Withers, promoted, to rank from November 27, 1863.

Maj. William A. Feeney, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-second Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. H. Moseley, promoted, to rank from July 18, 1863.

Majors.

Capt. Charles J. Moffett, of Georgia, to be major Second Georgia Battalion, vice Maj. G. W. Ross, killed, to rank from August 2, 1863.

Capt. W. J. Pfohl, of North Carolina, to be major Twenty-first North Carolina Regiment, vice Maj. A. Miller, killed, to rank from August 2, 1863.

Capt. John D. Lilley, of Virginia, to be major Fifty-second Virginia Regiment, vice Major Watkins, promoted, to rank from December 19, 1863.

Capt. Jos. H. Millett, of Kentucky, to be major Fourth Kentucky Regiment, vice Maj. T. W. Thompson, promoted, to rank from August 31, 1863.

Capt. W. Jerry Crook, of Tennessee, to be major Thirteenth Tennessee Regiment, vice Maj. B. L. Dyer, promoted, to rank from November 18, 1863.

Capt. Wilson Harper, of Virginia, to be major Twenty-fifth Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. R. D. Lilley, promoted, to rank from August 20, 1863.

Capt. E. G. Brasher, of Arkansas, to be major Second Arkansas Regiment, vice Maj. E. Warfield, promoted, to rank from September 30, 1863.

Capt. M. M. Patrick, of Tennessee, to be major One hundred and fifty-fourth Tennessee Regiment, vice Maj. J. W. Dawson, promoted, to rank from August 30, 1863.

Capt. P. F. Ross, of Texas, to be major Sixth Texas Cavalry Regiment, vice Maj. J. Wharton, promoted, to rank from August 14, 1863.

Capt. J. M. Hancock, of North Carolina, to be major Second North Carolina Battalion, vice Major Andrews, promoted, to rank from June 6, 1863.

Capt. Andrew M. Nelson, of Mississippi, to be major Forty-second Mississippi Regiment, vice Major Feeney, promoted, to rank from July 18, 1863.

Capt. Robert W. Locke, of Mississippi, to be major Forty-second Mississippi Regiment, vice Maj. A. M. Nelson, promoted, to rank from December 18, 1863.

Capt. Samuel H. Saunders, of Virginia, to be major Forty-second Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. H. Lane, deceased, to rank from November 30, 1862.

Capt. J. M. Richardson, of Virginia, to be major Forty-second Virginia Regiment, vice Maj. S. H. Saunders, promoted, to rank from November 27, 1863.

Capt. James G. Deaderick, of Tennessee, to be major Nineteenth Tennessee Regiment, vice Major Heiskell, promoted, to rank from November 25, 1863.

Capt. John Westcott, of Florida, to be major Second Florida Battalion, vice Major Brevard, promoted, to rank from June 24, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, ———, 1864.

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, January 16, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Surgeons.

Richard R. Goode, of Kentucky, to rank from May 8, 1863.

James Theus Taylor, of South Carolina, to rank from June 29, 1863.

Theophilus Caillouch, of Louisiana, to rank from June 30, 1863.

Pierre Durel, of Louisiana, to rank from July 20, 1863.

Samuel Brown Maney, of Tennessee, to rank from July 26, 1863.

John Grammer, jr., of Virginia, to rank from August 26, 1863.
Jos. Leonard Estarge, of Louisiana, to rank from August 27, 1863.
Benjamin Franklin Eppes, of Virginia, to rank from August 28, 1863.
William Campbell Gilson, of Mississippi, to rank from September 22, 1863.
Ira Williams, of Virginia, to rank from October 1, 1863.
William Benjamin Day, of Virginia, to rank from October 1, 1863.
John Wilson Glenn, of Louisiana, to rank from October 5, 1863.
Robert B. Smith, of Missouri, to rank from October 8, 1863.
John Richard Crain, of Texas, to rank from November 14, 1863.
Vincent O. King, of Mississippi, to rank from February 12, 1863.
Jesse W. Johnson, of Missouri, to rank from June 8, 1863.
Walter T. Adair, of Cherokee Nation, to rank from April 16, 1863.
George Tebault, of Texas, to rank from May 11, 1863.
J. W. Sears, of Alabama, to rank from February 9, 1863.
Theodore Parker, of Georgia, to rank from January 6, 1863.
Jeremiah R. Haldeman, of Texas, to rank from March 7, 1863.
John F. Y. Paine, of Louisiana, to rank from June 28, 1862.
Rhesa W. Read, of Texas, to rank from June 2, 1863.
Lee M. Alexander, of Missouri, to rank from June 23, 1863.
Octavius Alexander, of Missouri, to rank from June 23, 1863.
Thomas A. Lonergan, of Missouri, to rank from May 16, 1863.
James Steel Fish, of Georgia, to rank from July 30, 1863.
John M. Bronaugh, of Texas, to rank from October 15, 1862.
Charles Henry Taber, of South Carolina, to rank from August 14, 1863.
Hugh Stockdell, of Virginia, to rank from August 27, 1863.
Edward G. Porcher, of South Carolina, to rank from September 8, 1863.
Stiles Kennedy, of Maryland, to rank from September 18, 1863.
Caleb Winfrey, of Missouri, to rank from September 17, 1863.
Hugh C. McCall, of Alabama, to rank from September 29, 1863.
Samuel Muller, of South Carolina, to rank from October 10, 1863.
John S. Buist, of South Carolina, to rank from October 31, 1863.
Herman Baer, of South Carolina, to rank from October 6, 1863.
Hugh G. McClarty, of Texas, to rank from October 12, 1863.
Lewis H. Orme, of Arkansas, to rank from October 15, 1863.
Thomas M. Blackwell, of Mississippi, to rank from October 23, 1863.
John B. Oden, of Virginia, to rank from November 26, 1863.
Oscar C. Brothers, of Mississippi, to rank from November 20, 1863.
John S. Fletcher, of Tennessee, to rank from July 15, 1862.
Charles D. Lewis, of Louisiana, to rank from May 4, 1863.

Assistant surgeons.

William Spottswood Smith, of Tennessee, to rank from May 6, 1863.
Obadiah V. Garnett, of Kentucky, to rank from May 6, 1863.
James Jefferson Flake, of Alabama, to rank from May 7, 1863.
Benjamin Warren Glover, of South Carolina, to rank from June 29, 1863.
John Jenkins Tobin, of Texas, to rank from June 10, 1863.
John Russell Pickett, of Arkansas, to rank from July 17, 1863.
Charles E. Allen, of Louisiana, to rank from July 1, 1863.
David Hall Billieu, of Louisiana, to rank from July 21, 1863.
Melton Oliver Stribbling, of Georgia, to rank from July 29, 1863.
William Ray McCreight, of Alabama, to rank from July 29, 1863.
Frank Raincy, of Alabama, to rank from July 31, 1863.
Thomas B. Greenwood, of Texas, to rank from July 25, 1863.
Hugh Gordon Jackson, of South Carolina, to rank from August 3, 1863.
Charles Marshall Erwin, of Alabama, to rank from August 6, 1863.
Charles Hooks Harris, of Alabama, to rank from August 8, 1863.
Franklin J. Geiger, of South Carolina, to rank from August 8, 1863.
John B. Holmes, of South Carolina, to rank from August 10, 1863.
Thomas Buchanan, of Tennessee, to rank from August 11, 1863.
Thomas B. Williams, of South Carolina, to rank from August 18, 1863.
William Moore Wilson, of Missouri, to rank from August 23, 1863.
John McDonald, of North Carolina, to rank from August 31, 1863.
William F. Smith, of South Carolina, to rank from May 20, 1863.
Edward Chaffers, of Virginia, to rank from August 4, 1863.
Emmett A. Drewry, of Virginia, to rank from August 4, 1863.
James Layne, of Virginia, to rank from August 5, 1863.

Alfred S. Patrick, of Virginia, to rank from August 7, 1863.
Philip W. Anderson, of Virginia, to rank from August 19, 1863.
Edward T. Terrell, of Texas, to rank from August 26, 1863.
William Bellinger, of Florida, to rank from August 31, 1863.
W. H. B. Goodwin, of Virginia, to rank from August 31, 1863.
Henry V. Weeden, of ———, to rank from September 4, 1863.
John Henry Ruddell, of Georgia, to rank from September 9, 1863.
John Caldwell Calhoun, of South Carolina, to rank from September 14, 1863.
Jos. Sanford Simmons, of Alabama, to rank from September 15, 1863.
William R. Caldwell, of South Carolina, to rank from September 19, 1863.
Dunklin Pierce, of Alabama, to rank from September 21, 1863.
Moses K. Harrison, of Mississippi, to rank from September 26, 1863.
Robert H. Oakman, of Georgia, to rank from September 26, 1863.
Andrew J. Beale, of Kentucky, to rank from September 30, 1863.
Abel B. Wallace, of Georgia, to rank from September 30, 1863.
Rufus J. Murphy, of Mississippi, to rank from September 19, 1863.
Richard H. Parker, of North Carolina, to rank from September 12, 1863.
George Alexander Owen, of Virginia, to rank from September 16, 1863.
Randolph Holden, of Virginia, to rank from September 23, 1863.
James Palmer Cain, of South Carolina, to rank from October 2, 1863.
Jett Thomas West, of Georgia, to rank from October 5, 1863.
William Craig Moore, of Georgia, to rank from October 5, 1863.
Jesse M. Westmoreland, of South Carolina, to rank from October 6, 1863.
James Purcell, of South Carolina, to rank from October 6, 1863.
Alexander S. Johnson, of Georgia, to rank from October 8, 1863.
William Z. Bedon, of Mississippi, to rank from October 12, 1863.
Daniel Flud, of South Carolina, to rank from October 13, 1863.
Edward Manley Royall, of South Carolina, to rank from October 13, 1863.
Harford M. Cumming, of Georgia, to rank from October 16, 1863.
Nicholas W. Draper, of Alabama, to rank from October 17, 1863.
John Allen Owens, of South Carolina, to rank from October 20, 1863.
Henry Rossignol, of Georgia, to rank from October 21, 1863.
Thomas Terrell Dismukes, of Tennessee, to rank from October 26, 1863.
Richard C. Richardson, of Louisiana, to rank from October 27, 1863.
Edward Francis Allston, of South Carolina, to rank from October 28, 1863.
Thomas D. Whiteside, of South Carolina, to rank from October 28, 1863.
Andrew H. Read, of Alabama, to rank from October 28, 1863.
Francis P. Wellford, of Virginia, to rank from October 3, 1863.
George Frost Mellen, of Mississippi, to rank from October 5, 1863.
*Robert B. Richardson, of Virginia, to rank from October 9, 1863.
C. G. Smither, of Mississippi, to rank from October 9, 1863.
Lewis A. Boswell, of Mississippi, to rank from October 29, 1863.
George W. Thomas, of Georgia, to rank from October 29, 1863.
William H. Walker, of Louisiana, to rank from October 30, 1863.
Napoleon B. Nevitt, of Maryland, to rank from October 30, 1863.
Robert C. McCann, of Mississippi, to rank from October 6, 1863.
James Madison Simmons, of Mississippi, to rank from October 10, 1863.
John Wesley Spillman, of Mississippi, to rank from October 14, 1863.
Robert Jos. Parham, of Mississippi, to rank from October 16, 1863.
John Robert Fleming, of North Carolina, to rank from October 16, 1863.
Charles J. Ingersoll, of Mississippi, to rank from October 20, 1863.
Sydney P. Kennedy, of Mississippi, to rank from October 22, 1863.
Charles J. F. Meriwether, of Mississippi, to rank from October 22, 1863.
Richard H. Randolph, of Florida, to rank from November 3, 1863.
William Henry Babcock, of Florida, to rank from November 13, 1863.
Richard A. Christian, of Virginia, to rank from November 28, 1863.
Andrew S. Cameron, of South Carolina, to rank from November 2, 1863.
James Edwin Hines, of Florida, to rank from November 7, 1863.
John W. Collier, of Georgia, to rank from November 17, 1863.
Jos. Terry Dismukes, of Georgia, to rank from November 20, 1863.
John Lawrence Ancrum, of South Carolina, to rank from November 21, 1863.
John Crews Pelot, of Florida, to rank from November 21, 1863.
William H. Baxley, of Georgia, to rank from November 23, 1863.
Matthew Calvert, of Alabama, to rank from November 24, 1863.
Maurice A. Moore, of South Carolina, to rank from November 25, 1863.
Chandler M. Pope, of Alabama, to rank from November 27, 1863.
Philip S. Kirk, of South Carolina, to rank from November 27, 1863.

Beverly C. Cook, of Georgia, to rank from November 28, 1863.
 Thomas J. Teague, of South Carolina, to rank from November 30, 1863.
 James M. Sloan, of South Carolina, to rank from November 30, 1863.
 George Washington Tribble, of Mississippi, to rank from July 18, 1863.
 Thomas Eskridge, of Mississippi, to rank from August 5, 1863.
 Lysias B. Chilton, of Kentucky, to rank from July 25, 1863.
 Conrad Wall, of Alabama, to rank from August 1, 1863.
 John Barkley Evans, of Kentucky, to rank from August 1, 1863.
 William Wood Hall, of Mississippi, to rank from November 14, 1863.
 Henry Jasper Winn, of Alabama, to rank from November 19, 1863.
 Lorenzo White, of Mississippi, to rank from November 30, 1863.
 Henry L. Williams, of Alabama, to rank from November 11, 1863.
 Cary B. Blackburn, of Kentucky, to rank from July 2, 1863.
 Edward Pollard, of Virginia, to rank from October 28, 1863.
 George Francis Thornton, of Alabama, to rank from February 5, 1863.
 B. Mayfield, of Virginia, to rank from May 4, 1863.
 Renley S. Butler, of Florida, to rank from February 16, 1863.
 M. J. D. Dantzler, of South Carolina, to rank from February 16, 1863.
 Eugene B. Rochelle, of Texas, to rank from February 13, 1863.
 Julian C. Feild, of Arkansas, to rank from June 27, 1863.
 Felix W. Littlejohn, of Texas, to rank from June 20, 1863.
 George G. Duggins, of Missouri, to rank from April 29, 1863.
 William E. Dailey, of Texas, to rank from September 16, 1863.
 Benjamin F. Meadows, of Georgia, to rank from September 25, 1863.
 Albert M. Walls, of Arkansas, to rank from July 1, 1862.
 Thomas F. Henderson, of Alabama, to rank from October 17, 1863.
 William Thomas Ward, of Mississippi, to rank from October 19, 1863.
 Lewis B. Mitchell, of Arkansas, to rank from October 19, 1863.
 Albert B. Clanton, of Mississippi, to rank from October 19, 1863.
 William E. Franklin, of Missouri, to rank from October 22, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *January 20, 1864.*

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, January 4, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

COMMISSARY DEPARTMENT.

Commissaries—majors.

Samuel J. Alexander, of Tennessee, to take rank from December 1, 1863.
 T. B. Hutchison, of Virginia, to take rank from December 3, 1863.
 A. E. Love, of Mississippi, to take rank from November 10, 1863.
 William W. Thornton, of Virginia, to take rank from December 19, 1863.
 D. J. Wedge, of Louisiana, to take rank from November 16, 1863.
 A. H. McCleish, of Texas, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 W. M. Dunn, of Kentucky, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 R. W. N. Noland, of Virginia, to take rank from September 20, 1863.
 S. T. Stuart, of Virginia, to take rank from September 21, 1863.

Assistant commissaries—captains.

Jos. Palmer, of Florida, to take rank from December 9, 1863.
 C. W. West, of Georgia, to take rank from October 5, 1863.
 J. H. Demund, of Georgia, to take rank from October 5, 1863.
 Rufus L. Moss, of Florida, to take rank from December 12, 1863.
 Charles S. Taylor, of Virginia, to take rank from December 10, 1863.
 Thomas A. Long, of North Carolina, to take rank from December 18, 1863.
 M. D. Wilcox, of Kentucky, to take rank from October 14, 1863.
 O. B. Fish, of Alabama, to take rank from October 14, 1863.
 J. S. Carpenter, of Kentucky, to take rank from October 14, 1863.
 B. S. Justice, of Missouri, to take rank from October 14, 1863.
 R. M. Ligon, of Mississippi, to take rank from October 14, 1863.
 G. W. Kendall, of Louisiana, to take rank from October 14, 1863.
 J. H. Behan, of Louisiana, to take rank from October 14, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, January 20, 1864.

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Richmond, January 6, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

Quartermaster—lieutenant-colonel.

F. W. Sims, of Georgia, to take rank from December 19, 1863.

Quartermasters—majors.

E. G. Richardson, of Tennessee, to take rank from December 1, 1863.
 W. G. Vardell, of South Carolina, to take rank from November 13, 1863.
 J. C. Green, of Virginia, to take rank from December 9, 1863.
 W. C. Butler, of Missouri, to take rank from December 12, 1863.
 G. F. Maynard, of Virginia, to take rank from December 8, 1863.
 Alexander McVoy, of Maryland, to take rank from December 8, 1863.
 E. H. Janney, of Virginia, to take rank from December 15, 1863.
 A. Warren, of Tennessee, to take rank from December 21, 1863.
 W. B. Wright, of Texas, to take rank from December 12, 1863.
 T. W. Radcliffe, of South Carolina, to take rank from December 12, 1863.

Assistant quartermasters—captains.

M. Pertle, of Tennessee, to take rank from July 1, 1863.
 John Skippington, of Tennessee, to take rank from August 27, 1863.
 Thomas W. Bass, of Tennessee, to take rank from August 29, 1863.
 A. S. Reid, of Georgia, to take rank from November 16, 1863.
 Henry L. Jones, of Kentucky, to take rank from December 2, 1863.
 Robert F. Dennis, of Virginia, to take rank from December 8, 1863.
 James D. Harden, of North Carolina, to take rank from December 10, 1863.
 William Stevens, of Louisiana, to take rank from May 8, 1863.

W. A. Eliason, of North Carolina, to take rank from December 14, 1863.
 A. A. McGregor, of Alabama, to take rank from June 1, 1863.
 William A. Pugh, of North Carolina, to take rank from December 15, 1863.
 Isaac B. Grainger, of North Carolina, to take rank from November 8, 1863.
 J. R. Flippin, of Tennessee, to take rank from October 21, 1863.
 Miller Turney, of Tennessee, to take rank from December 1, 1862.
 F. M. Hull, of Georgia, to take rank from December 7, 1863.
 R. B. McAfee, of Georgia, to take rank from July 20, 1863.
 James E. Pratt, of Arkansas, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 William H. Brannon, of Georgia, to take rank from August 29, 1863.
 W. D. Waples, of Alabama, to take rank from December 2, 1863.
 John F. Gruber, of Louisiana, to take rank from December 19, 1863.
 F. C. Englesing, of Mississippi, to take rank from July 6, 1862.
 M. P. Pegram, of North Carolina, to take rank from June 1, 1863.
 John H. Barnett, of Georgia, to take rank from December 3, 1863.
 A. W. Cochrane, of Georgia, to take rank from December 3, 1863.
 Thomas A. Foster, of Georgia, to take rank from December 3, 1863.
 A. M. Sloan, of Georgia, to take rank from December 3, 1863.
 Isaac McConnel, of Georgia, to take rank from December 3, 1863.
 E. A. Nunnally, of Georgia, to take rank from December 3, 1863.
 J. F. Patterson, of Georgia, to take rank from December 3, 1863.
 J. A. Pattillo, of Georgia, to take rank from December 3, 1863.
 H. T. Mattox, of Georgia, to take rank from December 3, 1863.
 W. T. Thurman, of Georgia, to take rank from December 3, 1863.
 D. M. McDonald, of Missouri, to take rank from May 2, 1862.
 E. L. Wharton, of Texas, to take rank from May 3, 1863.
 P. F. Hammond, of South Carolina, to take rank from January 4, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Caperton,

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of Robert F. Dennis and W. A. Eliason, to be assistant quartermasters, with the rank of captain; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, that the residue of the nominations contained in said message be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs,

The yeas were 7 and the nays 5.

The number of Senators voting not constituting a quorum of the Senate,

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 96) to authorize the issue of certificates for interest on the fifteen million loan, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the following bills:

S. 146. A bill to authorize the creditors of the Government to

receive their dues in eight per cent Confederate bonds, and for other purposes; and

S. 151. A bill authorizing the issue of certain bonds of the Confederate States, and making the coupons attached to the same a legal tender in the payment of debts; reported them severally, with the recommendation that they ought not to pass.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the following bills:

H. R. 94. A bill to provide for wounded and disabled officers, soldiers, and seamen an asylum, to be called "The Veteran Soldiers' Home;"

S. 199. A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts," approved October 9, 1862; and

S. 200. A bill to confer additional powers upon courts-martial and military courts; reported them severally, without amendment.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 203) to amend the sixty-fifth article of war; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 204) to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelan (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 205) to amend an act entitled "An act to punish drunkenness in the Army," approved April 21, 1862; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury in response to a resolution of the Senate of the 20th instant, showing the aggregate amount of the funded debt of the Confederate States, exclusive of call certificates; the amount of call certificates; the amount of noninterest-bearing Treasury notes, exclusive of those below the denomination of five dollars; the amount of interest-bearing Treasury notes; and the amount of Treasury notes below the denomination of five dollars, outstanding on the 1st of January, 1864; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the communication lie upon the table and that the accompanying documents be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the following bill and joint resolution of the Senate:

S. 196. An act to extend the provisions of an act entitled "An act in relation to the receipt of counterfeit Treasury notes by public officers," approved May 1, 1863; and

S. 20. Joint resolution of thanks to Major Von Bocke.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 187) declaring persons owing military service to

the Confederate States, and who seek to avoid such service by removing beyond the control and jurisdiction of said States, alien enemies, and subjecting their property to confiscation.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by striking out, section 1, lines 8 and 9, the words "shall be deemed and held as alien enemies,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 168) to provide for a new issue of Treasury notes, and for funding all such notes now outstanding; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed indefinitely.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 192) to regulate the allowance of traveling expenses of officers of the Navy and others traveling under orders; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Henry (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 206) to amend an act passed on the 30th April, 1861, for the sequestration of estates, property, and effects of alien enemies; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 93) to organize a Treasury note bureau, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 197) to redeem outstanding Treasury notes and discharge the public debt, and thereby restore the public credit, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

the bill (H. R. 92) to tax, fund, and limit the currency, reported it with amendments.

Ordered, That the amendments be printed.

Mr. Semmes also submitted a report (No. 18) in relation to the subject; which was read.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That 250 copies of said report be printed.

On motion by Mr. Orr, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That 50 additional copies of the bill (H. R. 92) last mentioned and 100 additional copies of the amendments reported from the Committee on Finance be printed.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 92) to tax, fund, and limit the currency; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to and made the special order for Wednesday next at 1 o'clock.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The Senate having again resolved into secret legislative session,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 98) to levy additional taxes for the common defense and support of the Government; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And they have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 183) to prohibit the importation of luxuries, or of articles not necessities or of common use, with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 183) last mentioned; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the bill, with the amendment of the House of Representatives thereto, be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The bill (H. R. 98) to levy additional taxes for the common defense and support of the Government, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

Ordered, That it be printed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 169) to repeal an act entitled "An act supplementary to an act to provide for the funding and further issue of Treasury notes," approved April 30, 1863.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow,

It was determined in the negative.

No amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *January 25, 1864.*

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Postmaster-General, I hereby nominate the persons named upon the annexed list to the offices designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, January 23, 1864.*

To the PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following-named persons for appointment as postmasters by Your Excellency, with the advice and consent of the Senate:

Joseph W. Robertson, of Greeneville, Greene County, Tenn.

Orestes A. Keebler, of Salem, Forsyth County, N. C.

Powhatan T. Gewin, of Okalona, Chickasaw County, Miss.

R. A. Hundley, of Enterprise, Clark County, Miss.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN H. REAGAN,
Postmaster-General.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

RICHMOND, *January 22, 1864.*

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate O. Latrobe, of Maryland, to be assistant adjutant-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, with the rank of major.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

RICHMOND, *January 22, 1864.*

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate L. W. Hastings, of California, to be major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, under act approved October 11, 1862.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

RICHMOND, *January 22, 1864.*

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate W. W. Blackford, of Virginia, to be major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, in command of engineer troops.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of R. E. Rodes, A. P. Stewart, W. H. T. Walker, William Smith, C. M. Wilcox, Wade Hampton, Howell Cobb, John A. Wharton, William T. Martin, N. B. Forrest, and Fitzhugh Lee, to be major-generals; J. W. Whitfield, J. B. Gordon, Thomas Green, O. F. Strahl, P. D. Roddey, B. G. Humphreys, Henry W. Allen, W. C. Wickham, W. A. Quarles, Wirt Adams, Joseph H. Lewis, L. A. Stafford, W. Y. C. Humes, and R. V. Richardson, to be brigadier-generals; John G. Mason, R. H. Goldsborough, J. W. Hutchinson, T. H. Johnston, J. Adair Murray, George B. Hannah,

S. S. Caddall, John E. Johnson, George W. McPhail, W. L. Wofford, A. J. Hanson, James B. Grant, James T. Brown, E. M. Hudson, W. C. Smedes, W. M. Shepard, L. P. Dodge, Robert P. Walker, J. Compton French, B. Ridley, jr., G. D. Lamar, A. Montgomery, S. F. Chipley, John S. Fairly, Fred. W. Smith, W. E. Huger, W. C. Cage, W. C. McCarty, W. B. Ragan, Hanson Thomas, Howell Cobb, jr., John J. Dupuy, M. G. Hudson, R. T. Fulgham, Andrew Dunn, Henry C. Searcy, John A. Tomlinson, Hugh Kerr, John S. Jones, John Taylor, C. Minnegerode, B. W. Dudley, William B. Meares, J. H. Townshend, C. R. Godwin, James Hunter, Randolph Ridgely, Henry R. Shorter, Thomas Taylor, Ashton Johnson, Pope Barrow, Theodore F. Davidson, G. A. Hayward, Albert Stoddard, A. J. Hall, D. E. Myers, James R. Yerger, P. B. Winston, William D. Gale, Hugh H. Colquitt, D. S. Terry, jr., James R. Curell, O. N. Butler, W. A. M. Patton, John M. Jones, Henry C. McKay, R. A. Wise, Waller R. Bullock, R. S. Abercrombie, R. O. Arrington, E. J. Martin, and J. F. Johnston, to be aids-de-camp, with rank of first lieutenant; W. B. Lowrance, Morgan Stickley, Edwin S. Moore, Samuel F. Chapman, R. L. Watson, James S. Carothers, O. T. Thweatt, Hugh R. Smith, Charles Quarles, R. S. McFarlin, James Keith, George S. Dewey, and Robert C. Carlton, to be adjutants, with the rank of first lieutenant, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the President's message of the 20th instant, containing the nominations of F. W. Sims and others.

Ordered, That said message be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Henry (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 25) of thanks to the Tennessee troops who have reenlisted for the war;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Jemison (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 207) to preserve the efficiency and extend the usefulness of old fire companies;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Phelan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was recommitment the bill (S. 187) declaring persons owing military service to the Confederate States, and who seek to avoid such service by removing beyond the control and jurisdiction of said States, alien enemies, and subjecting their property to confiscation, reported it with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (S. 187) last mentioned,

It was determined in the negative.

So the Senate refused to consider the said bill.

Mr. Maxwell, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the bill (S. 201) to increase the compensation of the Commissioner of Patents, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 22d instant he approved and signed a joint resolution and bills of the following titles:

H. R. 21. Joint resolution in relation to the war;

H. R. 81. An act to prevent the procuring, aiding, and assisting persons to desert from the Army of the Confederate States, and for other purposes;

H. R. 87. An act appropriating one hundred thousand dollars for the use and benefit of the Cherokee Nation; and

H. R. 89. An act authorizing chaplains, in certain cases, to draw forage for one horse.

The House of Representatives have passed bills and a joint resolution of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 97. An act to authorize the President to assign judges of military courts from one court to another;

H. R. 99. An act to authorize commanders of corps and departments to detail field officers as members of military courts under certain circumstances; and

H. R. 22. Joint resolution of thanks to Maj. Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne and the officers and men under his command for distinguished services at Ringgold Gap, in the State of Georgia, November 27, 1863.

They have passed, without amendment, the bill of the Senate (S. 190) to regulate the collection of the tax in kind upon tobacco, and to amend an act entitled "An act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States," approved April 24, 1863.

And they have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 159) to authorize the appointment of an agent of the Post-Office Department, and such clerks as may be necessary, to carry on the postal service in the States west of the Mississippi River, with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bills (H. R. 97 and H. R. 99) and joint resolution (H. R. 22) this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 159) to authorize the appointment of an agent of the Post-Office Department, and such clerks as may be necessary, to carry on the postal service in the States west of the Mississippi River.

On motion by Mr. Oldham, to amend the amendment by striking out, in the third line, the words "Assistant Treasurer" and inserting the words "the agent of the Treasury Department,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Oldham, to amend the amendment by striking out, in the tenth line, the words "Assistant Postmaster-General" and inserting the words "agent of the Post-Office Department,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed,

Resolved, That the Senate agree to the amendment of the House of Representatives to said bill, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in said amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions reported by Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, on the 21st instant, declaring that, in the opinion of the Senate, A. C. Myers is Quartermaster-General of the Confederate States Army, and that A. R. Lawton is not authorized by law to discharge the duties of said office.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, that the resolutions be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary,

It was determined in the negative, {	Yeas	9
	Nays	13

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present.

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Dortch, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, and Phelan.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Haynes, Henry, Maxwell, Orr, Reade, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Hill, that the resolutions be transferred to the Calendar of Executive Business,

It was determined in the negative, {	Yeas	9
	Nays	13

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Dortch, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, and Phelan.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Haynes, Henry, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Orr, Reade, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On the question,

Will the Senate agree to the resolutions?

A division of the question was called for by Mr. Orr; and

On the question to agree to the first resolution, declaring that, in the opinion of the Senate, A. C. Myers is now Quartermaster-General of the Confederate States Army, and is by law authorized and required to discharge the duties thereof,

After debate,

Mr. Sparrow demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being then put,

It was determined in the affirmative, {	Yeas	15
	Nays	6

On motion by Mr. Orr,
The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,
Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Haynes, Henry, Johnson
of Arkansas, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Reade, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow,
and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,
Messrs. Baker, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, and
Phelan.

On the question to agree to the second resolution, declaring that A. R.
Lawton is not authorized by law to discharge the duties of the office
of Quartermaster-General of the Confederate States Army,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas	15
{ Nays	6

On motion by Mr. Orr,
The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,
Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Haynes, Henry, Johnson
of Arkansas, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Reade, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow,
and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,
Messrs. Baker, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, and
Phelan.

So the resolutions were agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Senate A. C. Myers is now Quartermaster-
General of the Confederate States Army, and is by law authorized and required to
discharge the duties thereof.

Resolved, That A. R. Lawton is not authorized by law to discharge the duties of
said office.

On motion by Mr. Clark,
The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the amendment of the
Senate to the bill (H. R. 79) to prohibit dealing in the paper currency of the enemy.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were
referred the following bills:

H. R. 97. An act to authorize the President to assign judges of mili-
tary courts from one court to another; and

H. R. 99. An act to authorize commanders of corps and departments
to detail field officers as members of military courts under certain
circumstances;

reported them severally, without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consid-
eration of the bills (H. R. 97, H. R. 99) last mentioned; and no amend-
ment being proposed, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives
thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 150) to limit and define the term of office of the Secretary or principal officer of each of the Executive Departments, established by the several acts entitled "An act to organize the Department of State," "An act to establish the Treasury Department," "An act to establish the War Department," "An act to establish the Navy Department," "An act to establish the Post-Office Department," "An act to organize and establish an executive department, to be known as the Department of Justice," all of which acts were approved February 21, 1861; and

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Tuesday next.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 192) to regulate the allowance of traveling expenses of officers of the Navy and others traveling under orders; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 85) to amend an act entitled "An act in relation to the receipt of counterfeit Treasury notes by public officers;" and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 91) to fix the rank, pay, and allowances of adjutants of regiments and independent battalions; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 171) for the establishment and regulation of territorial commands in the Army; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question,

Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 174) to authorize the issue of certain bonds for payment to the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company, of the State of Florida; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.
On motion by Mr. Semmes,
The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 100) to continue in the service, for the war, all the troops now in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States; in which they ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 100) last mentioned was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed, by the required constitutional vote of two-thirds, a bill (H. R. 101) making additional appropriation of secret service money; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 101) last mentioned was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Clay, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 183) to prohibit the importation of luxuries, or of articles not necessities or of common use, together with the amendment of the House of Representatives thereto, reported the same with the recommendation that the Senate concur in the said amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 183) last mentioned; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 92) to tax, fund, and limit the currency.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz:

Strike out, after the enacting clause, the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh sections of the bill and insert the following:

That upon all noninterest-bearing Treasury notes of and above the denomination of five dollars, and upon the principal sum of all call certificates outstanding on the first day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, there shall be levied and collected a tax of sixty-six and two-thirds cents for every dollar promised on the face of said notes and call certificates; said tax shall attach to said notes and call certificates wherever circulated, and shall be collected by a deduction at the Treasury and its depositories, and by the tax collectors, from all such notes and call certificates whenever presented for payment, or for funding, or in payment for public dues: *Provided*, That after the first day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, the interest shall be allowed from that date on one-third only of the amounts specified on the face of said call certificates.

SEC. 2. That all payments by the Government after the first day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, shall be made in the new notes hereinafter authorized to be issued: *Provided, however*, That in liquidation of all contracts with the Government made between the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and the date of the passage of this act, and to be executed in the Confederate States, except public securities, payments in the new issue of Treasury notes shall be made at the rate of one dollar of said new issue for three dollars due under said contracts: *Provided further*, That the interest on all public securities, the pay of officers of the Army and Navy, and of soldiers and seamen, and the salaries and compensation of all officers and employees of the Government in all its departments, shall be paid in the new issue of Treasury notes at par: *And provided further*, That the tax laid for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-three shall be payable in Treasury notes of the old issue at par, and without deduction.

SEC. 3. That from and after the passage of this act, and until the first of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, Treasury notes of the old issue shall be fundable in bonds under existing laws only at the rate of one dollar in bonds for three dollars in Treasury notes; and on and after that time they shall be so funded according to their nominal value, with the deduction of the tax hereby imposed.

SEC. 4. That said noninterest-bearing Treasury notes of the old issue, when collected in payment of public dues, or by the sale of bonds, or by funding, shall not be reissued; but, instead thereof, the Secretary of the Treasury shall issue one-third of the amount thereof in new notes, payable two years after the ratification of a treaty of peace with the United States, and receivable in payment of all public dues, except export duties, and any tax declared by law payable in specie.

SEC. 5. That all holders of Treasury notes bearing no interest, and issued prior to the first day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, shall, on and after that date, be entitled to exchange the same for the new issue at their nominal value, deducting therefrom the tax imposed by this act.

SEC. 6. That all certificates not reconverted into notes prior to April first, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, shall thereafter be paid in notes of the new issue, deducting from the principal sum on the face of such certificates the tax imposed by the first section of this act. That all Treasury notes of the old issue bearing no interest and outstanding on the first of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, may be converted into call certificates at their nominal value, deducting therefrom the tax imposed thereon by this act, which certificate shall be reconvertible into notes of the new issue, dollar for dollar, and bear interest at the rate of three per cent per annum, and the new issue of Treasury notes may be converted, at par, into call certificates, bearing interest at the rate of three per cent per annum, under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

SEC. 7. That Treasury notes of the old issue, bearing no interest when received by the Government, shall not be reissued, nor shall any new notes, in lieu of such old notes received as aforesaid, be issued, unless the total amount outstanding of new notes, and of old notes not bearing interest, valued at the rate of three dollars of the old for one of the new issue, and of call certificates, shall be less than two hundred millions of dollars; in that event, so many new notes may be issued as to raise the amount above described to two hundred millions of dollars, but to no greater sum: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the exchange of new for old notes, as provided for in the fifth section of this act.

SEC. 8. That Treasury notes heretofore issued, bearing interest at the rate of seven dollars and thirty cents on the hundred dollars per annum, shall no longer be receivable in payment of the public dues, but shall be deemed and considered bonds of the Confederate States, payable two years after the ratification of a treaty of peace with the United States, bearing the rate of interest specified on their face, payable on the first of January of each and every year.

SEC. 9. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized, in case the exigencies of the Government should require it, to pay the demand of any public creditor, willing to receive the same, in a certificate of indebtedness, to be issued by him, payable two years after the ratification of a treaty of peace with the United States, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and transferable only by special indorsement, under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury,

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the reported amendment by inserting before "That," in the first line of the first section, the following:

That upon all noninterest-bearing Treasury notes of and above the denomination of five dollars, issued previous to the first day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, there shall be levied, on the first day of October, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, a tax of one hundred per cent, so that all such notes shall be absorbed on that day.

That upon the principal and interest of all call certificates executed upon a deposit of Treasury notes issued previous to the first day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, there shall be levied a tax of one hundred per cent on the first day of October, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, so that all such call certificates shall be discharged on that day,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	1
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On motion by Mr. Phelan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Mr. Phelan voted in the affirmative.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Clark, Clay, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Reade, Semmes, and Sparrow.

Pending the further consideration of the reported amendment,

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, January 27, 1864.

To the Senate:

I submit to the Senate herewith the nomination of A. R. Lawton, of Georgia, to be Quartermaster-General, with the rank of brigadier-general, to take date from the 13th day of April, 1861, and deem it proper to communicate the reasons which induce this course.

On the passage of the act of the 20th March last, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act for the establishment and organization of the general staff for the Army of the Confederate States of America,'" inquiry was made to aid in the selection of the most competent person then made eligible, and the office of Quartermaster-General was tendered to General Lawton, who was averse to accepting it if it involved a nomination and new appointment, for the reasons that it withdrew him from service in the field, interfered with his chances for promotion, and that, as he was then the oldest brigadier in the service, he would, by acceptance of a new commission, be deprived of his relative rank as compared with the other brigadiers. There were two other officers recommended to me as specially fitted to discharge the duties of Quartermaster-General, who could be spared from service in the field, and they were both major-generals and could not, therefore, be expected to accept a lower grade in the staff than that which they held in the line.

The name of the officer then performing the duties of Quartermaster-General was also presented to me with recommendations entitled to very great respect, but my own observation of the manner in which those duties had been discharged had previously satisfied me that the public interests required an officer of greater ability and one better qualified to meet the pressing emergencies of the service during the war.

On examination of the law above referred to, its language, although not free from doubt, was held, after consultation and advice, to justify the conclusion that the intention of Congress would be fulfilled by assigning to the performance of the duties of Quartermaster-General an officer already confirmed as a brigadier-general in the Provisional Army, without again submitting his nomination to the Senate. The grounds for this conclusion were, that the eighth section of the act of 6th March, 1861, organizing the Regular Army, expressly authorized the Executive to assign the brigadier-generals to any duties he might specially direct, and when the five brigadier-generals were raised to the rank of general, by the act of 16th May, 1861, the President was again empowered to assign them to such commands and "duties" as he might specially direct. As it had, therefore, been permitted by Congress that any one of the generals of the Regular Army might be assigned to staff, or any other duty at Executive discretion, it seemed a fair inference that when, by the law of last session, provision was made that the rank, pay, and allowances of Quartermaster-General should be those of a brigadier in the Provisional Army, the will of the legislature was as well fulfilled by assigning to the duties of that office one who was already a brigadier-general of the Provisional Army as by nominating a new officer.

This view of the question was fortified by the fact that the law last referred to did not create an office, but only provided that during the war the officer discharging the duties of Quartermaster-General should have the rank, etc., of brigadier-general; and by the further fact that the original act of 26th February, 1861, for the establishment and organization of the general staff, contained a provision still in force, that officers of the Quartermaster-General, and other staff departments, might, by order of the President, be assigned to the command of troops, according to their rank in the Army, thus indicating that positions in the quartermaster and other staff

departments were not distinct offices, but were posts of duty to which officers of the Army were appointed, and from which they might be withdrawn and assigned to other duties at Executive discretion.

This is a provision of our law that did not exist in the former service of the United States in which, when an officer of the army entered the Quartermaster's Department, he surrendered his commission in the line and his right to command troops.

I am advised, however, that such is not the construction given to the law by many Senators, and I so far conform to their views as to give the Senate an opportunity to advise the Executive in relation to the appointment of this officer.

This statement was also necessary in explanation of the proposal that General Lawton's rank should date from the 13th day of April, 1861, that being the date of his present commission of brigadier-general in the Provisional Army.

Since the foregoing message was written, I observe by the published proceedings of the Senate that it has adopted the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That in the opinion of the Senate A. C. Myers is now Quartermaster-General of the Confederate States Army, and is by law authorized and required to discharge the duties thereof.

"Resolved, That A. R. Lawton is not authorized by law to discharge the duties of said office."

Refraining from any further remark on these resolutions than the expression of my conviction that they are not sustained by the Constitution or the law, their passage enforces the propriety of submitting to you the nomination which accompanies this message.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, January 27, 1864.

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Brig. Gen. A. R. Lawton, of Georgia, to be Quartermaster-General, to rank as brigadier-general from April 13, 1861.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom were referred the following nominations as postmasters:

John A. Seabrook, of Hardeeville, Beaufort district, South Carolina; J. H. Webb, of Pocotaligo, Beaufort district, South Carolina; John R. Allen, of Chester Court-House, Chester district, South Carolina; William Ramscur, of Lincolnton, Lincoln County, N. C.; Joseph W. Robertson, of Greeneville, Greene County, Tenn.; Orestes A. Keehler, of Salem, Forsyth County, N. C.; Powhatan T. Gewin, of Okolona, Chickasaw County, Miss., and R. A. Hundley, of Enterprise, Clark County, Miss., reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of J. R. Chambliss, to be brigadier-general; F. W. Sims, to be quartermaster, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel; W. G. Vardell, J. C. Green, W. C. Butler, G. F. Maynard, Alex. McVoy, A. Warren, W. B. Wright, and T. W. Radcliffe, to be quartermasters, with the rank of major; M. Pertle, John Skippington, Thomas W. Bass, A. S. Reid, Henry L. Jones, James D. Harden, William Stevens, A. A. McGregor, William A. Pugh, Isaac B.

Grainger, J. R. Flippin, Miller Turney, F. M. Hull, R. B. McAfee, James E. Pratt, William H. Brannon, W. D. Waples, John F. Gruber, F. C. Englesing, M. P. Pegram, John H. Barnett, A. W. Cochrane, Thomas A. Foster, A. M. Sloan, Isaac McConnel, E. A. Nunnally, J. F. Patterson, J. A. Pattillo, H. T. Mattox, W. T. Thurman, D. M. McDonald, E. L. Wharton, and P. F. Hammond, to be assistant quartermasters, with the rank of captain, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That the vote on confirming the nomination of R. V. Richardson, to be brigadier-general, be reconsidered.

Mr. Phelan submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Whereas by special message from the President, the Senate is informed that no session of Congress has intervened since the appointment of certain military officers nominated to this body for confirmation on the eighth instant and upon which the Committee on Military Affairs made a special report, but on the contrary, the only appointment made by him of said officers was that transmitted to the Senate on the said eighth day of January and during the present session: Therefore,

Resolved, That the clauses in the said report of the Committee on Military Affairs based upon the supposition that a session of Congress had intervened since the first appointment of the said military officers were inapplicable to the facts of the case.

The Senate proceeded to consider said resolution; and
On motion by Mr. Orr, that the resolution lie upon the table,
Mr. Orr demanded the question; which was seconded,
Pending which,
On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,
The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed, without amendment, a bill and joint resolution of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 167. An act to amend an act to provide a mode of authenticating claims for money against the Confederate States not otherwise provided for, approved August 30, 1861; and

S. 23. Joint resolution in relation to the salaries of the judges of the district courts of the Confederate States for the State of Virginia.

And they have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 172) to increase the compensation of certain civil officers and employees in the President's office and in the Executive Departments at Richmond for a limited period, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Semmes submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed, until otherwise ordered, to furnish the heads of the Executive Departments, respectively, copies of all bills, resolutions, reports, and other documents ordered by the Senate in legislative session to be printed: *Provided*, That those documents ordered to be printed in secret legislative session shall, before delivery, be sealed up and marked "Confidential" and shall be delivered by the Secretary to the heads of Departments in person and to no one else.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be communicated to the head of each Executive Department.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 208) to provide compensation for officers who may heretofore have performed staff duty under orders of their superior officers;

which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 172) to increase the compensation of certain civil officers and employees in the President's office and in the Executive Departments at Richmond for a limited period; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 194) to organize bodies for the capture and destruction of the enemy's property, by land or sea, and to authorize compensation for the same, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to meet at 11 o'clock to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 184) to establish a bureau of foreign supplies.

Mr. Clay, from the Committee on Commerce, reported

A bill (S. 209) to establish a bureau of foreign supplies; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be printed.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 92) to tax, fund, and limit the currency.

On the question to agree to the first amendment reported from the Committee on Finance,

On motion by Mr. Oldham, to amend the amendment by inserting after the first section thereof the following:

SEC. —. That all outstanding noninterest-bearing Treasury notes, issued prior to the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, upon which the tax prescribed by the first section of this act shall not be paid by the first day of April next, and all Treasury notes which may be issued after the first day of January and before the first day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, upon which said tax shall not be paid by the first day of June next, shall cease to be current, and shall not be passed or transferred by the holder thereof; and any person who shall, after the periods aforesaid, pass any of said notes, shall forfeit and pay three times the amount of the notes so passed, to be recovered by indictment in any court of the Confederate States having jurisdiction of the same: *Provided*, That the times above designated shall be extended thirty days in the States west of the Mississippi River: *And provided further*, That the holders of said notes shall not be deprived of the right of paying the tax thereon after the times prescribed as aforesaid,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the amendment by inserting, after "dues," section 1, line 11, the words "or other purposes,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Henry, to amend the amendment by striking out the words "noninterest-bearing," section 1, line 1, and by inserting after "notes," in the same line, the words "not bearing interest,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the amendment by striking out the words "first day of January," section 2, lines 4 and 5, and inserting "fifteenth day of July,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Jemison, to amend the amendment by striking out of the second section the following provisos:

Provided, however, That in liquidation of all contracts with the Government made between the fifteenth day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and the date of the passage of this act, and to be executed in the Confederate States, except public securities, payments in the new issue of treasury notes shall be made at the rate of one dollar of said new issue for three dollars due under said contracts: Provided further, That the interest on all public securities, the pay of officers of the Army and Navy, and of soldiers and seamen, and the salaries and compensation of all officers and employees of the Government in all its departments, shall be paid in the new issue of Treasury notes at par.

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of War, transmitting a letter from Col. J. Gorgas, Chief of Ordnance, shewing the embarrassments resulting from the delay of the Senate in passing the appropriation bill; which was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed unanimously the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 25) of thanks to the Tennessee troops who have reenlisted for the war.

And they have concurred in the amendments of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the bill of the Senate (S. 159) to authorize the appointment of an agent of the Post-Office Department, and such clerks as may be necessary, to carry on the postal service in the States west of the Mississippi River.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to meet at 11 o'clock to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 169) to repeal an act entitled "An act supplementary to an act to provide for the funding and further issue of Treasury notes," approved April 30, 1863.

And they have concurred in the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 93) to organize a Treasury note bureau.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the bill (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: I am directed by the House of Representatives to request that the Senate will furnish the House with a certified copy of the engrossed joint resolution of the Senate (No. 18) explanatory of a joint resolution on the subject of retaliation, approved May 1, 1863, the original resolution as it passed the Senate having been mislaid since it was transmitted to the House.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 92) to tax, fund, and limit the currency.

On the question to agree to the first amendment reported from the Committee on Finance,

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the amendment by striking out "so," in the fifth line of the third section, and inserting after "funded," in the same line, the words "under existing laws,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the amendment by inserting at the end of the third section thereof the words, "until the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-five; after which date said Treasury notes shall not be fundable or exchangeable for new notes, nor be receivable in payment of public dues,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the amendment by inserting, after "issue," section 3, line 2, the words "not bearing interest,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the amendment by striking out "noninterest-bearing," section 4, line 1, and inserting after "issue," in the second line of the same section, the words "not bearing interest,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the amendment by striking out "instead thereof," section 4, lines 3 and 4; by striking out "one-third of the amount thereof in" in the fourth and fifth lines of the same section, and by inserting at the end of the section "as provided in the seventh section of this act,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the amendment by inserting after "all," section 6, line 1, the word "call,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the amendment by inserting after "date," section 5, line 3, "and until the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-five,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the amendment by inserting after "converted," section 6, line 7, "until the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-five,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the amendment by striking out of the seventh section the words "That Treasury notes of the old issue, bearing no interest, when received by the Government, shall not be reissued, nor shall any new notes, in lieu of such old notes received as aforesaid, be issued, unless the total amount outstanding of new notes, and of old notes not bearing interest," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "That the new notes authorized by this act shall not be issued until the amount of old notes not bearing interest,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hunter, to amend the amendment by inserting at the end of the seventh section the words

or to prevent the issue of new notes in exchange for old notes received in the payment of taxes, or in exchange for bonds which may have been sold at the rate of one dollar of the new issue for every three dollars of the old issue so received,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Jemison, to amend the amendment by striking out the words "on and after that date," section 5, lines 2 and 3, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "from and after the passage of this act,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the amendment by inserting after "hundred," section 7, line 7, the words "and fifty," and by inserting after "hundred," in the ninth line of the same section, the words "and fifty,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Jemison (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 210) to aid any State in communicating with and perfecting records concerning its troops; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Hill presented the memorial of Alfred T. Mann and others, of the Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the State of Georgia, praying the passage of a law authorizing commissaries and quartermasters to sell rations and forage to all duly accredited missionaries in the Army at the rates at which they are issued to officers, and allowing each army chaplain to draw forage for one horse; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Orr (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 211) to place free persons of color in the military service of the Confederate States; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate the memorial of R. W. Gibbes, M. D., president of the Press Association of the Confederate States of America, praying a change in the present exemption law so far as relates to them; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

S. 172. An act to increase the compensation of certain civil officers and employees in the President's office and in the executive and legislative departments at Richmond for a limited period;

S. 190. An act to regulate the collection of the tax in kind upon tobacco, and to amend an act entitled "An act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States," approved April 24, 1863;

S. 196. An act to extend the provisions of an act entitled "An act in relation to the receipt of counterfeit Treasury notes by public officers," approved May 1, 1863.

S. 20. Joint resolution of thanks to Major Von Boreke.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and the enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills and an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 144) to change the time for the assembling of Congress for its next regular session.

And they have passed, unanimously, a joint resolution (H. R. 23) of thanks to General Beauregard and the officers and men of his command for their defense of Charleston, S. C.; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The joint resolution (H. R. 23) last mentioned was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *January 30, 1864.*

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of War covering an estimate of an additional sum needed by the Engineer Bureau.

I recommend an appropriation of the amount specified for the purpose indicated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

H. R. 51. An act to fix the pay and allowances of the master armorer of the Confederate States Armory at Richmond, Va.;

S. 167. An act to amend an act to provide a mode of authenticating claims for money against the Confederate States not otherwise provided for, approved August 30, 1861; and

S. 23. Joint resolution in relation to the salaries of the judges of the district courts of the Confederate States for the State of Virginia.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and the enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they

were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to meet at 11 o'clock on Monday.

Mr. Reade (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 27) of thanks to North Carolina troops; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, that it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate proceeded to consider the message of the House of Representatives, requesting a certified copy of the engrossed joint resolution (No. 18) of the Senate explanatory of a joint resolution on the subject of retaliation, approved May 1, 1863; and

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit a certified copy of the said resolution to the House of Representatives, agreeably to their request.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., January 29, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration, in secret session, a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, to which I invite your special attention.

I recommend an appropriation of the sum specified for the purpose indicated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 92) to tax, fund, and limit the currency.

On the question to agree to the first amendment reported from the Committee on Finance, as amended,

On motion by Mr. Henry, to amend the amendment by striking out the first, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh sections thereof and inserting the following:

SEC. —. That upon all Treasury notes not bearing interest, above five dollars, and upon all call certificates outstanding on the first day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, there shall be levied a tax of sixty-six and two-thirds cents for every dollar promised on the face of said notes and call certificates, which tax shall attach to the notes and call certificates wherever circulated, and shall be collected at the Treasury, its depositories, and by the tax collectors, on or before the first day of October, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, by taking up for cancellation the old notes and call certificates, and delivering to the taxpayers one-third of the amount so taken up and canceled in the new Treasury notes herein provided to be issued; and thereupon the old Treasury notes and call certificates shall be canceled, and all notes not so presented by that day shall thereafter cease to be fundable, exchangeable for new notes, or receivable in payment of public dues,

It was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the first reported amendment as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	11
	{ Nays	6

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Phelan, Reade, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Clark, Haynes, Jemison, Oldham, and Orr.

So the amendment as amended was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of Samuel A. Duval, Samuel P. Hobgood, Charles R. Mason, J. Brown Baxley, H. N. Hollifield, John J. Gravatt, John H. Pottenger, W. Samuel Scott, Brodie S. Herndon, Paul S. Carrington, William Selden, R. F. Hereford, William C. McCaleb, L. Lindsay, T. Westmoreland, Henry Hanslow, C. R. Norman, Jonathan J. Jones, Adolphus L. Patten, Jos. R. Beauchamp, Henry S. Bacon, John T. Kilby, Edward H. Pritchett, George W. Heagy, John I. Davis, James F. Fryar, John D. Smith, Henry A. Schell, George B. Heard, Joshua Gore, Benjamin T. Marshall, John L. Dismukes, Joel Hall, George W. Burton, John B. Jackson, Alexander Erskine, Hamilton Griffin, William Singleton, William Aills, T. W. Bedford, Lewis C. Pyncheon, Benjamin F. Dickinson, Samuel F. Turner, George N. Webb, Jesse G. Core, William J. Byrne, William F. Beard, Albert R. Erskine, Thomas W. Foster, Robert S. Wendel, Henry H. Clayton, Erasmus D. Eiland, John C. Nicholson, John W. Gulick, Hugh G. Smith, P. Brown Scott, James McC. Greene, James M. Jackson, H. Lee Parsons, John B. Newton, M. N. Fleming, Robert Leiby, jr., E. M. Jenkins, William S. Lee, C. C. Abernathy, John H. Erskine, F. S. S. McMahon, Rawlings Young, J. V. Childress, Thomas P. Bailey, James Guild, jr., James B. Cowan, Richard D. Stevenson, John F. Kennedy, George C. Catlett, Benjamin D. Lay, James L. Cunningham, Thomas S. Foster, John T. Marable, William T. Sawyer, William H. Cooper, O. P. Langworthy, M. J. Bolan, Francis L. Parker, George E. Trescott, John G. Dudley, Oscar F. Baxter, Frank A. Walke, Jos. B. Stovall, James R. Bratton, Jackson Chambliss, T. J. La F. De Yampert, J. Edward Hall, John G. Boatright, John C. Mercer, George W. Graves, T. F. Duncan, Archibald Taylor, John W. Ashby, R. S. J. Peebles, Jesse P. Hope, Thomas R. Micks, F. W. Roddey, James L. Fite, Jacob M. Dennis, Edwin D. Newton, W. Henry Sheild, T. C. Hill, Benjamin F. Brown, William H. Baptist, A. G. Emory, John G. Trevilian, Tazewell Tyler, Robert M. Terrill, Harold Snowden, Samuel P. Johnson, Edward Reeves, George T. Harrison, Robert H. Jordan, Augustus A. Lyon, James W. Hines, Walter H. Drane, Andrew Ewing, William O. Hudson, Benjamin Franklin, J. J. Simkins, John Parks, G. W. Broach, James A. Bizzell, James P. Bryan, D. Port Smythe, Holmes Steele, W. E. Weatherly, A. B. Flint, John W. Keyes, Samuel H. Lang-

don, William C. Boon, I. McR. Gregorie, R. B. Hanahan, Somervill Burke, Jerome Cochran, R. V. Leach, Alexander Hunter, Thomas B. Ward, Charles E. Bellamy, Thomas B. Lane, Robert C. Foster, T. H. B. Williams, R. T. De Aragon, Robert P. Hunt, J. T. Hill, William W. Lambdin, James Huston, James M. Hoyle, William H. Sanders, Francis L. Frost, George L. Kirby, Lewis E. Gott, Solomon Secord, W. H. Daughtry, Philip B. Baker, Arthur R. Barry, Francis T. Fry, James B. Brown, Henry M. Clarkson, John N. R. Monmonier, Henry W. Waters, James Evans, Andrew Bowie, James J. Winn, W. T. Montgomery, O. R. Horton, Sampson Pope, J. St. P. Gibson, H. H. Hunter, R. L. Taggart, Joseph Harrison, J. W. Singleton, Fred. Hunter, J. Curtis Jones, Robert J. Bell, Jesse W. Hill, Russell McCord, Benjamin S. Gillespie, William F. Robertson, P. H. Hamilton, George B. Moffett, E. Sidney Lewis, Sam. M. Berniss, William A. Evans, N. D. Richardson, A. Martin, James H. Wilson, Horace M. Darling, David R. Fox, C. K. Caruthers, James McCauley, William F. Steuart, S. W. Caldwell, William J. Mitchell, R. M. Sutfield, William C. Nichols, John G. Howard, John E. Holbrook, James Bolton, Paul C. Yates, N. N. Pumphrey, R. De Jernett, Isaac S. Taylor, William E. Brock, John R. Ward, Thomas S. Thomson, W. H. Prioleau, J. M. Heard, P. J. McCormick, John S. Pride, F. B. Henderson, Charles Witsell, Junius Michie, John H. Logan, Robert S. Baldwin, William U. Morris, John Clopton, Carter R. Willson, William G. Little, John P. McGhee, Benjamin H. Riggs, Henry J. Warmuth, Thomas R. Wingo, William D. Tucker, P. S. Postell, William A. Mulkey, D. H. Dungan, R. McG. Lytle, William R. Walker, Alphus Dunlop, John D. Smith, T. M. Matthews, S. W. Jones, T. G. Richardson, John S. Fenner, James A. Groves, J. G. Thomas, L. Shackelford, R. R. Stevenson, A. B. Snell, R. E. Richardson, Robert F. Carlin, William H. Hawkins, Alfred Hall, Jos. L. Bevans, P. C. Winn, William C. Dixon, George A. Cracraft, William R. Johnston, A. L. Mackay, John H. Thomson, George M. McDowell, E. B. Johnston, John W. Eppes, Ambrose W. Hodge, Thomas H. Hollis, John A. Love, W. J. Goodman, Thomas T. Beall, Charles B. Talbutt, Jos. E. Dixon, Thomas W. Roane, J. W. King, Benjamin F. Cross, Julius Johnson, A. T. Pearsall, James W. Hughes, John Ward, William H. Galt, David Keller, David Wade, D. Warren Brickell, A. B. Brashear, W. A. Martin, and W. V. Aderhold, to be surgeons; George T. Erwin, Henry B. Malone, William R. Hughes, Arthur B. Terrell, W. A. Portwood, F. A. Toomer, W. W. James, Thomas Turner, D. George Godwin, R. Arnold Smith, Jesse Hill, C. C. Gannaway, J. Clarence Treadwell, Arthur L. Foreman, Oliver C. Kidder, W. W. Cleaver, William L. Graves, W. H. McCord, L. B. McCrary, Rufus K. Stevens, John S. Fenner, Edwin M. Shepard, William G. Drake, P. Henry Wright, Alf. B. Deloach, V. G. Woodhouse, Alfred Jones, Frank Atkinson, Benjamin R. Donelson, Carter R. Willson, S. P. Breckinridge, T. L. Dodge, And. J. Borroum, John E. Pugh, Dearing J. Roberts, James A. Moore, Sanford F. Young, William A. Cochran, John C. W. Stigel, William E. Arnold, W. Reid Hurst, Frank M. Ferrell, Robert Darrington, Isaac W. Graham, J. S. Pitts, William M. Mayes, Aylett C. Raines, Richard E. Mudd, A. L. Graves, John Orlando Scott, John P. Campbell, Jos. F. Alsup, N. B. Moss, Allen G. Gooch, John L. Vertress, Benjamin L. Hester, Thomas L. B. Brown, T. J. Mitchell, Fugate Clarke, J. Howard Purefoy,

J. Byrd Vann, Jos. C. Hamilton, William C. Rigg, Jos. C. Beard, Ignatius D. Thomson, Thomas J. Kinchley, F. Anderson, John A. Dunn, Javan Bryant, Hugh W. Caffey, William P. Finley, Richard O'Leary, John C. Gregory, Edmund S. Pendleton, Russell Murdoch, N. A. Morgan, Thomas M. Stuart, Leonidas Crews, W. Pope Riddell, Darby Henagan, John W. Calhoun, Elihu Toland, Robert M. Muldrow, Benjamin L. Seago, N. B. Drewry, J. Newton Cheney, J. Henry Bass, James P. Richardson, William Duncan, Thomas J. Vance, Benjamin F. Walker, A. A. Moore, W. Lewis Reese, E. Alonzo Ligon, John P. Mushat, W. Green Stephens, T. Young Aby, G. L. Strait, W. E. Pearson, Andrew S. Fox, John R. Little, John J. Bozeman, J. Newton Doyle, George E. Carleton, W. A. Washington, L. De Witt McMannen, Robert T. Ellett, Robert G. Holloway, John H. Logan, William S. Frierson, Theodorick M. Shaw, T. W. Dandridge, Phil. T. Woodson, Robert M. Patterson, Henry R. Christmas, Abner J. Gupton, T. M. Logan, jr., James W. Bennett, T. Alf. Catchings, John L. H. Sessum, L. F. Morehead, Erasmus D. Moore, William Wallace Cross, James Y. Bradfield, Joseph Getzweller, Monroe M. Johnson, Charles H. Burton, David S. Boyle, Andrew J. Almond, John A. Feild, William W. Coggin, W. Wyatt Dickie, Lewis L. Newsom, W. J. Scull, Fielding P. Sloan, Richard W. I'Anson, Gaines M. Boynton, Nicholas H. Boring, Robert P. Sweat, J. Marshal Lennard, Fleming J. Mathews, John J. A. Smith, Thomas P. Shields, Charles A. Bates, Henry Marriott, T. W. Glocker, John T. McLean, Carl H. A. Kleinschmidt, Charles Gresham, W. Carr Shackelford, Logan H. Robinson, James P. Cooke, Robert G. Howard, Richard A. Harrell, S. Moore Brown, Spencer G. Welch, H. Wash. Williams, John L. Cannon, Walter W. Scott, Thomas F. Wood, James T. Wilkins, James S. Stephenson, W. H. H. Cobb, J. Bryant Stinson, Ro. A. Warnock, Elbert C. Schell, Frank Gale, Richard S. Dunlop, John H. Hicks, D. McL. Graham, Marshall T. Bell, Lawrence H. Prosser, Rollins T. Hart, William S. Nowlin, Abner V. Doak, J. H. Williams, Moses Richardson, Wright H. Lavender, William H. Clark, J. Marion Soles, John Lawson Gunter, Benjamin F. Claggett, John W. Harrow, George W. Lafayette Carr, Stephen D. Rowe, Lewis Berkeley, T. B. Bartlett, Charles A. Mitchell, Charles T. Richardson, Thomas J. Love, Richard S. Napier, Joseph M. Craig, Henry A. Gillespie, Charles O. Helwig, Alex. L. Hamilton, A. B. Brookins, James B. Gage, J. Howard De Votie, Henry M. Peeples, J. Lawson Mapp, I. Davis Thompson, Francis Walker, M. P. Hillyard, L. N. Sanders, John Work, N. R. James, W. G. Williams, J. P. Clements, H. S. Bradley, William T. Brewer, Samuel F. Meeker, Henry M. Peeples, George W. Monroe, J. W. Smith, John S. Peake, John M. Hadley, R. H. Lewis, Joseph L. Alsop, B. A. Cheek, Charles W. Timms, A. C. North, John F. Locke, M. A. Brown, Thomas H. Kavanaugh, Jesse E. Thompson, T. Smith Trice, J. Chappell Maxwell, Charles Lesesne, Jonah Bivens, L. J. Wilson, Samuel H. Smith, Samuel G. Mobley, Andrew C. Crombie, W. R. Hardy, Jesse R. Fraley, R. McK. Stribbling, Howell R. Foreman, John M. Borders, Alex. S. Ashe, J. T. Chandler, Charles C. Thornton, George W. Purnell, Marion L. Mayo, T. F. Gilliam, Edwin F. de Graffenried, W. L. Scaife, John R. McDow, William P. Green, William R. Barron, Jos. L. Stephenson, James M. Doby, Isaiah J. Cherry, W. Munroe Bryan, John D. Patton, C. B. Adams, W. W. Campbell, T. Jefferson McKie, James T. Meek, William T. Wellborn, Charles E. Dupont, A. S. Martin,

T. James Wilson, C. T. Ford, Seaborn R. O'Neal, William M. Mobley, Jacob Huggins, jr., Joel W. Franklin, George W. Howard, James O. Saunders, L. Clay Harvey, Thomas W. Lilley, Martin V. Thornton, Henry W. Bassett, John R. Sims, John D. Crawford, Richard L. Dunn, W. P. Parker, W. B. Penn, John R. Hoffman, Miles W. Goldsby, John C. Booth, S. G. Luckett, William H. Credille, John W. Cockerham, William T. Jordan, James H. Simmonds, Thomas J. Turner, William I. Bull, jr., Peter F. Fitzgerald, S. R. Chambers, Benjamin F. Eads, S. Buford, Jesse C. Houston, John A. Beauchamp, Andrew J. Hayslett, John E. Blocker, Charles S. Darby, Hugh W. Tate, William H. Edmondson, F. M. Traylor, David S. Russell, Harris Fisher, John C. Spinks, Abner E. Arnold, M. W. Drummond, John W. Jones, James D. Young, John W. Chamblin, Thomas P. Hereford, John F. Mackey, R. E. Campbell, R. G. Southall, Charles G. H. Glissman, John W. Bowdoin, A. E. Ragland, William M. Wells, W. H. Wyman, William H. Blair, John A. Barnett, T. Jeff. Spurlock, Calvin N. Silliman, John C. Snead, A. A. McKittrick, Daniel E. Byrd, Walter H. Nardin, Bolling H. Jackson, W. H. Lipscomb, Thomas H. Moss, John C. Wilburn, Samuel R. Williams, T. Henry Edwards, Rufus H. Kilpatrick, Samuel M. Dold, Alexander M. Fraser, V. O. Thompson, Leander G. Hunt, W. F. Robertson, T. L. Anderson, D. R. Merritt, William H. Sherman, James W. McKissack, Thomas E. Whyte, Thomas Z. Offutt, Granville R. Lewis, George M. Willis, Jos. A. Baden, James B. Shepherd, Charles L. Garnett, A. E. Eves, Robert C. Eve, Virginius G. Hitt, James B. Gilkeson, W. B. Watford, W. J. McMahon, J. Lawrence Strait, William A. Heard, Andrew T. Rowe, Jos. B. L. Baker, Benjamin F. Rudisill, H. McC. Holmes, A. Givens, Henry C. Ghent, James W. Greene, H. McKennie, Andrew F. Shultze, Robert V. Reid, W. H. Calvert, S. R. Hurd, H. K. Darden, John L. Read, John S. Wilson, Miller A. Woodson, John M. Payne, D. W. Barton, Robert S. Greene, William R. Cole, Edward C. James, James B. Mangeine, James Leffers, Thomas J. Warren, James V. Johnson, A. P. Fulkerson, Thomas J. Caldwell, W. A. Williamson, William U. Morton, William R. Tompkins, R. J. Young, Jos. S. Buckner, William R. Lide, H. C. Sommerville, James W. Wiseman, Paul A. Barrier, U. H. Dulany, Robert L. Harris, James M. Pelot, C. F. Jones, jr., Peter Binford, A. S. McKeither, David D. Oates, Elias P. Hester, Thomas J. Baskett, John T. B. Foard, Robert E. Alexander, Mason W. Smith, Robert J. Turner, J. Henry Currey, William J. Barron, Lewis S. Freeman, Robert Davis, Rufus A. Roberts, James W. Hannum, N. B. Kennedy, Newton C. Pyles, James J. Crawford, W. McA. Hanna, O. S. Holmes, John W. Rainey, Jasper N. Smith, William H. Banks, John Frost, Jos. P. Carter, James D. Plunket, John T. Parker, E. O. Hodges, Thomas M. Marks, Harvey O. Milton, William Donnan, John C. Storey, James H. Goethe, William T. Spencer, Charles H. Jordan, Walter S. Golden, E. L. Connally, Thomas B. Savage, George A. Nicollassen, Lafayette Bonner, O. Becker, Samuel G. Compton, Aug. J. Spencer, William M. Hoover, Lewis B. King, John McC. Lacy, A. N. Kincannon, A. H. Stearns, Uriah Haynie, Solomon P. Greene, David H. Bryant, John T. Melton, Frank M. Dennis, K. Knowlton, Charles B. Tydings, James H. Wilkes, Jos. Lemly, N. L. Galloway, J. P. Hamer, Robert D. Gwin, Henry T. Fox, A. J. Claiborne, William P. Casseday, A. P. Houston, John G. Anderson, William H. Newell, T. W. Newsome, A. S. Davidson, A. T. Henry,

Charles J. A. Crockett, D. D. Carter, Alexander Dunn, Theodore Parker, W. L. Earout, and Charles P. Gordon, to be assistant surgeons, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 28, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 29.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 25, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Brigadier-generals.

Col. R. L. Gibson, of Louisiana, to take rank from January 11, 1864.

Col. C. H. Stevens, vice C. C. Wilson, deceased, of South Carolina, to take rank from January 20, 1864.

Aids-de-camp—first lieutenants.

W. M. Price, of Missouri, to take rank from May 2, 1863.

Albert Hyer, of Alabama, to take rank from November 16, 1863.

Charles T. Holmes, of Florida, to take rank from December 4, 1863.

Thomas Gibson, of Tennessee, to take rank from January 6, 1864.

Samuel Hunter, of South Carolina, to take rank from January 6, 1864.

John A. Cheatham, of Tennessee, to take rank from December 31, 1863.

E. Miltenberger, of Louisiana, to take rank from September 14, 1863.

Celsus Price, of Missouri, to take rank from May 2, 1863.

Henry S. Puryear, of North Carolina, to take rank from January 17, 1864.

W. W. Old, of Virginia, to take rank from January 19, 1864.

C. A. Williams, of Virginia, to take rank from December 28, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 29, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Maj. Gen. Richard S. Ewell, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 28, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Maj. Gen. Richard S. Ewell, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to take rank from May 23, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 29, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 33.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 28, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, for distinguished valor and skill:

Colonel.

Capt. John B. Davis, of South Carolina, to be colonel Fifteenth South Carolina Regiment, vice Colonel Gist, resigned, to rank from January 19, 1864.

Second lieutenants.

E. T. Tayloe, of Mississippi, to be second lieutenant Company E, Jeff. Davis Legion, to rank from December 17, 1863.

B. E. Gould, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant Company G, Eighth Alabama Regiment, to rank from December 24, 1863.

J. C. Davant, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company B, Second South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, to rank from January 6, 1864.

John A. Caldwell, of ———, to be second lieutenant Lumsden's battery, to rank from December 31, 1863.

F. M. Anderson, of Missouri, to be second lieutenant Company D, Sixth Missouri Regiment, to rank from January 6, 1864.

W. B. Couchman, of Missouri, to be second lieutenant Company H, Fourth Missouri Regiment, to rank January 13, 1864.

Erwin A. Roach, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company B, Fourteenth South Carolina Regiment, to rank from January 18, 1864.

E. H. Reid, of Missouri, to be second lieutenant, Company H, Fourth Missouri Regiment, to rank from January 18, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 29, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the following officers to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 32.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 27, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Adjutants—first lieutenants.

John B. Moore, of South Carolina, for duty with Palmetto Battalion Artillery, to rank from December 19, 1863.

D. M. Layton, of Virginia, for duty with Twenty-fifth Virginia Regiment, to rank from November 27, 1863.

J. N. Shorter, of Alabama, for duty with Thirty-first Alabama Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Thomas G. Pond, of Georgia, for duty with Twentieth Georgia Battalion, to rank from October 13, 1863.

J. W. Laird, of Maryland, for duty with First Maryland Battalion, to rank from July 4, 1863.

John S. Bryan, of Georgia, for duty with Fourth Georgia Cavalry Regiment, to rank from December 1, 1863.

John W. Faison, of North Carolina, for duty with Fifty-sixth North Carolina Regiment, to rank from December 1, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, January 27, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 23.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 5, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS-GENERAL.

Majors.

1. Henry Goldthwaite, of Alabama, to take rank from November 21, 1863.

2. Lamar Cobb, of Georgia, to take rank from December 14, 1863.

3. J. B. Cumming, of Georgia, to take rank from May 23, 1863.

Captains.

1. C. L. D. Elgee, of Tennessee, to take rank from November 7, 1863.

2. S. P. Cunningham, of Missouri, to take rank from December 9, 1863.

3. C. Powell Grady, of Georgia, to take rank from December 19, 1863.

4. B. A. Terrett, of Arkansas, to take rank from November 18, 1863.

5. Henry Ewing, of Tennessee, to take rank from May 2, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 27, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 27.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 16, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonel.

James Z. George, of Mississippi, to be colonel Fifth Mississippi Cavalry Regiment (formed of State troops and nonconscripts), to rank from December 7, 1863.

Lieutenant-colonel.

J. A. Barksdale, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifth Mississippi Cavalry Regiment (formed of State troops and nonconscripts), to rank from December 7, 1863.

Majors.

Capt. William G. Henderson, of Mississippi, to be major Fifth Mississippi Cavalry Regiment (formed of State troops and nonconscripts), to rank from December 7, 1863.

Adj. J. F. Love, of Tennessee, to be major Fifty-ninth Tennessee Regiment, vice Maj. J. P. Brown, promoted, and the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from January 7, 1864.

Captain.

C. S. Fleming, of Florida, to be captain Company G, Second Florida Regiment, by unanimous consent of officers, to rank from December 14, 1863.

Second lieutenants.

L. L. Albright, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant Company E, Fifty-fourth Georgia Regiment, company failed to elect, to rank from October 30, 1863.

A. G. Cudworth, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company I, Twenty-seventh South Carolina Regiment, the officer elected declined examination, to rank from January 6, 1864.

C. V. Smith, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant Company E, Fifteenth Alabama Regiment, the only person in the company fit for promotion, to rank from January 6, 1864.

Franklin C. Ross, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), to rank from January 7, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 27, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 28.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 23, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Brigade commissaries—majors.

1. Thomas F. Fisher, of Louisiana, to take rank from December 1, 1863.
2. J. H. Flournoy, of Louisiana, to take rank from December 6, 1863.
3. Alexander L. Smith, of Florida, to take rank from December 4, 1863.
4. Warren M. Hopkins, of Virginia, to take rank from December 22, 1863.
5. George Foster, of Mississippi, to take rank from December 26, 1863.

Assistant commissaries—captains.

1. E. P. Rareshide, of Louisiana, to take rank from October 14, 1863.
2. John C. Meadors, of Alabama, to take rank from October 7, 1863.
3. W. H. Kenner, of Tennessee, to take rank from December 30, 1863.
4. A. F. Dunlevy, of Virginia, to take rank from December 26, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 28, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 6.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 8, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

COMMISSARY DEPARTMENT.

Lieutenant-colonel.

1. F. G. Ruffin, of Virginia, to rank from October 5, 1863.

Majors.

1. R. H. Cumby, of Texas, to rank from May 2, 1863.
2. J. E. Ficklin, of Virginia, to rank from May 19, 1863.
3. S. B. Brewer, of Alabama, to rank from June 9, 1863.
4. John W. Williams, of Alabama, to rank from May 26, 1863.
5. E. L. Holcombe, of Georgia, to rank from June 15, 1863.
6. J. C. Bridgwater, of Tennessee, to rank from May 8, 1863.
7. J. G. Campbell, of Louisiana, to rank from June 3, 1863.
8. C. A. Lathrop, of Alabama, to rank from July 20, 1863.
9. H. G. Wilson, of Arkansas, to rank from May 2, 1863.
10. J. G. Parrish, of Virginia, to rank from May 2, 1863.
11. E. B. Carruth, of Mississippi, to rank from May 2, 1863.
12. W. E. Snead, of Tennessee, to rank from May 15, 1863.
13. A. M. Fowlkes, of Alabama, to rank from August 3, 1863.
14. S. E. Lucas, of South Carolina, to rank from August 1, 1863.
15. J. N. Coleman, of Texas, to rank from February 3, 1863.
16. W. E. De Mill, of North Carolina, to rank from June 1, 1863.
17. A. F. Haymond, of Virginia, to rank from September 12, 1863.
18. R. L. Coleman, of North Carolina, to rank from September 28, 1863.
19. William Taylor, of Virginia, to rank from September 18, 1863.
20. J. M. Douglass, of Texas, to rank from July 1, 1863.
21. T. W. Scott, of Louisiana, to rank from May 2, 1863.
22. J. Shouk, of Kentucky, to rank from November 20, 1863.
23. W. V. Crouch, of Virginia, to rank from October 28, 1863.
24. William T. Smith, of Alabama, to rank from November 16, 1863.

25. J. M. Foster, of Alabama, to rank from August 28, 1863.
26. J. Y. Rankin, of Kentucky, to rank from November 28, 1863.
27. J. Q. Thomas, of Tennessee, to rank from November 7, 1863.
28. L. A. Fowler, of Kentucky, to rank from December 3, 1863.
29. G. C. Ball, of Alabama, to rank from November 20, 1863.
30. E. M. Lowe, of North Carolina, to rank from July 29, 1863.
31. C. McClenaghan, of South Carolina, to rank from July 29, 1863.
32. T. B. Trout, of South Carolina, to rank from July 29, 1863.
33. A. M. Allen, of Georgia, to rank from July 29, 1863.
34. M. B. Millen, of Georgia, to rank from July 29, 1863.
35. H. T. Hall, of Tennessee, to rank from July 29, 1863.
36. P. Campbell, of Tennessee, to rank from July 29, 1863.
37. A. B. Noyes, of Florida, to rank from October 5, 1863.
38. J. P. Baldwin, of Florida, to rank from October 5, 1863.
39. A. G. Summer, of Florida, to rank from October 5, 1863.
40. A. B. Smith, of Georgia, to rank from August 5, 1863.
41. W. V. Johnson, of Kentucky, to rank from July 21, 1863.
42. W. O. Harvie, of Virginia, to rank from May 22, 1863.
43. C. P. King, of Arkansas, to rank from June 30, 1862.
44. T. Robinson, of Virginia, to rank from September 23, 1863.
45. G. M. Proctor, of Kentucky, to rank from October 1, 1863.
46. W. M. Tate, of Virginia, to rank from July 1, 1863.
47. Joseph Cloyd, of Virginia, to rank from December 5, 1863.
48. James Sloan, of North Carolina, to rank from June 26, 1863.
49. R. T. Wilson, of Tennessee, to rank from June 26, 1863.
50. P. W. White, of Florida, to rank from June 26, 1863.
51. John M. Galt, of Virginia, to rank from August 8, 1863.

Captains.

1. J. H. Franklin, of Virginia, to rank from May 2, 1863.
2. J. M. Johnston, of Tennessee, to rank from May 13, 1863.
3. W. D. Reynolds, of North Carolina, to rank from May 20, 1863.
4. S. H. Richardson, of Mississippi, to rank from May 2, 1863.
5. C. W. Venable, of Virginia, to rank from June 2, 1863.
6. R. G. Lindsay, of North Carolina, to rank from July 9, 1863.
7. A. H. Cline, of Arkansas, to rank from May 2, 1863.
8. J. H. Dowell, of Arkansas, to rank from May 2, 1863.
9. B. F. Brashear, of Texas, to rank from May 2, 1863.
10. T. R. Foster, of Virginia, to rank from August 25, 1863.
11. G. B. Scott, of Virginia, to rank from August 25, 1863.
12. W. O. Rogers, of Louisiana, to rank from August 25, 1863.
13. W. B. Fitzpatrick, of Georgia, to rank from September 3, 1863.
14. W. A. Thompson, of Tennessee, to rank from August 11, 1863.
15. John H. Bright, of Alabama, to rank from September 8, 1863.
16. J. J. Wheaden, of Alabama, to rank from July 31, 1863.
17. August O. Bacon, of Georgia, to rank from September 13, 1863.
18. J. M. Murkland, of Virginia, to rank from September 28, 1863.
19. W. T. Edwards, of Arkansas, to rank from September 22, 1863.
20. W. C. Hillhouse, of South Carolina, to rank from September 26, 1863.
21. T. E. Dudley, of South Carolina, to rank from October 1, 1863.
22. Samuel L. Butler, of Georgia, to rank from October 5, 1863.
23. D. L. Thompson, of South Carolina, to rank from October 8, 1863.
24. W. E. Dick, of South Carolina, to rank from October 15, 1863.
25. H. W. Conner, of South Carolina, to rank from November 9, 1863.
26. J. T. Mason, of North Carolina, to rank from August 3, 1863.
27. B. R. Mason, of Virginia, to rank from August 19, 1863.
28. T. H. McKoy, of Louisiana, to rank from August 18, 1863.
29. J. A. McRady, of Tennessee, to rank from July 31, 1863.
30. R. M. Doss, of Alabama, to rank from August 22, 1863.
31. T. E. Mitchell, of Alabama, to rank from August 1, 1863.
32. J. R. Hutchison, of Virginia, to rank from September 5, 1863.
33. W. B. Clarke, of Arkansas, to rank from September 8, 1863.
34. W. H. Wigg, of South Carolina, to rank from August 1, 1863.
35. M. J. M. Mason, of Alabama, to rank from August 13, 1863.
36. T. C. Moore, of Georgia, to rank from July 31, 1863.
37. Richard Irby, of Virginia, to rank from June 23, 1863.

40. K. L. Simons, of South Carolina, to rank from June 26, 1863.
41. John F. Riley, of South Carolina, to rank from June 26, 1863.
42. T. S. Morgan, of Tennessee, to rank from June 27, 1863.
43. F. F. Myer, of Maryland, to rank from August 15, 1863.
44. G. H. Cheever, of Georgia, to rank from October 13, 1863.
45. T. H. Bostick, of Tennessee, to rank from October 13, 1863.
46. J. A. Bowie, of South Carolina, to rank from July 30, 1863.
47. J. W. Chapman, of Alabama, to rank from August 18, 1863.
48. A. J. Hutchins, of Georgia, to rank from December 3, 1863.
49. Z. S. Farland, of Virginia, to rank from October 11, 1863.
50. S. S. Gresham, of Virginia, to rank from October 11, 1863.
51. J. B. Fulton, of Georgia, to rank from October 9, 1863.
52. M. B. Kittrell, of Georgia, to rank from October 9, 1863.
53. H. Wade, of Alabama, to rank from October 17, 1863.
54. J. A. Houser, of Georgia, to rank from October 23, 1863.
55. J. H. Davis, of Georgia, to rank from October 23, 1863.
56. C. F. Stubbs, of Georgia, to rank from May 2, 1863.
57. T. C. Daniel, of Virginia, to rank from November 14, 1863.
58. J. G. Moffett, of Virginia, to rank from November 1, 1863.
59. G. W. Hardie, of Georgia, to rank from October 28, 1863.
60. T. H. Handy, of Maryland, to rank from November 20, 1863.
61. W. B. Williams, of Virginia, to rank from November 20, 1863.
62. D. C. Richardson, of Texas, to rank from November 27, 1863.
63. W. H. Johnson, of Mississippi, to rank from November 13, 1863.
64. J. P. Eggleston, of Mississippi, to rank from November 28, 1863.
65. C. M. Boyce, of Mississippi, to rank from November 17, 1863.
66. C. B. Graybill, of Georgia, to rank from November 17, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

RICHMOND, VA., *January 29, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I hereby nominate Marshall L. Sothoron, to be assistant paymaster.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 26, 1864.

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Navy:

Assistant paymaster.

Marshall L. Sothoron, of Maryland.

With great respect, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 28) of thanks to the troops from the State of Louisiana in the Army of Tennessee;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Baker, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 19) for the relief of Capt. Walker Anderson, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution last mentioned; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 94) to provide for wounded and disabled officers, soldiers, and seamen an asylum, to be called "The Veteran Soldiers' Home;" and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 27th ultimo he approved and signed an act (H. R. 84) to authorize the appointment of an agent of the Treasury Department west of the Mississippi.

The House of Representatives have passed bills and a joint resolution of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 102. An act to amend an act entitled, "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts;"

H. R. 104. An act amendatory of an act entitled "An act to put an end to the exemption from military service of those who have heretofore furnished substitutes," approved January 5, 1864; and

H. R. 24. Joint resolution of thanks to the Alabama troops who have reenlisted for the war.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 30th ultimo, approved and signed the following acts and joint resolutions:

S. 167. An act to amend an act to provide a mode of authenticating claims for money against the Confederate States not otherwise provided for, approved August 30, 1861;

S. 172. An act to increase the compensation of certain civil officers and employees in the President's office and in the executive and legislative departments at Richmond for a limited period;

S. 190. An act to regulate the collection of the tax in kind upon tobacco, and to amend an act entitled "An act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States," approved April 24, 1863;

S. 196. An act to extend the provisions of an act entitled "An act in relation to the receipt of counterfeit Treasury notes by public officers," approved May 1, 1863;

S. 20. Joint resolution of thanks to Major Von Borcke; and

S. 23. Joint resolution in relation to the salaries of the judges of the district courts of the Confederate States for the State of Virginia.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The bill (H. R. 102) to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts," was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The bill (H. R. 104) amendatory of an act entitled "An act to put an end to the exemption from military service of those who have heretofore furnished substitutes," approved January 5, 1864, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The joint resolution (H. R. 24) of thanks to the Alabama troops who have reenlisted for the war was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Clark,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 103) to authorize the issue of certain cotton certificates; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 103) last mentioned was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 92) to tax, fund, and limit the currency.

On motion of Mr. Semmes, the vote on agreeing to the first amendment reported from the Committee on Finance, as amended, was reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, the vote was also reconsidered on agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Phelan, viz:

Strike out of the seventh section the words "That Treasury notes of the old issue, bearing no interest, when received by the Government, shall not be reissued, nor shall any new notes, in lieu of such old notes received as aforesaid, be issued, unless the total amount outstanding of new notes, and of old notes not bearing interest," and insert in lieu thereof the words "That the new notes authorized by this act shall not be issued until the amount of old notes not bearing interest,"

The Senate proceeded to consider the said amendment proposed by Mr. Phelan; and

On the question to agree thereto,
It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the first reported amendment by striking out the words "in lieu of such old notes received as aforesaid," section 7, lines 3 and 4,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the said amendment by inserting after "same," section 9, line 4, the words

other than Treasury note holders and contractors whose contracts were entered into between the fifteenth of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and the date of the passage of this act,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the said amendment by inserting at the end of the ninth section thereof the words "and said certificate shall be exempt from taxation in principal and interest,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The first reported amendment as amended was then agreed to.

On the question to agree to the second amendment reported from the Committee on Finance, viz:

Strike out the eighth section of the bill and insert the following:

To defray the expenses of the Government not otherwise provided for, the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to issue six per cent bonds to an amount not exceeding five hundred millions of dollars, the principal and interest whereof shall be free from taxation during the war, and for the payment of the interest thereon, the entire net receipts of any export duty hereafter laid on the value of all cotton, tobacco, and naval stores which shall be exported from the Confederate States, and the net proceeds of the import duties now laid, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay annually the interest, are hereby specially pledged: *Provided*, That the duties now laid upon imports and hereby pledged shall hereafter be paid in specie, or in sterling exchange, or in the coupons attached to said bonds as they become due, or in Treasury notes at their market value in specie: *Provided further*, That during the war the coupons on said bonds may be received in payment of said import duties six months in advance of the maturity of said coupons: *And provided further*, That the said duties on imports shall be payable in Treasury notes of the new issue, at par, or in Treasury notes of the old issue, not bearing interest, at the rate of three dollars for one, until the Secretary of the Treasury shall publish that fifteen millions of said bonds have been sold,

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the amendment by inserting at the end thereof the words "but said Treasury notes of the old issue shall not be so received after the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-five,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

The residue of the amendments reported from the Committee on Finance were then agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, to amend the bill by striking out, section 10, line 3, the words "and they may be exchanged for each other,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, to amend the bill by inserting after "for," section 10, line 5, the words "fifty or,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Reade, to amend the bill by inserting the following independent section:

SEC. — That the tax imposed by this act on Treasury notes deposited, whether generally or specially, with any corporation or person, and not withdrawn before

the first of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, shall be deemed and taken as a tax on the amount of said notes as the property of the depositor,

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the proposed amendment by adding thereto the following proviso:

Provided, That this provision shall not apply to any bank which refuses to accept, between now and the first day of April next, Treasury notes at par for all debts contracted subsequently to the fifteenth of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and prior to the passage of this act,

On motion by Mr. Phelan, that the amendment proposed by Mr. Reade, together with the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Sparrow, lie upon the table,

It was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Sparrow to the amendment proposed by Mr. Reade,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas.....	9
	{ Nays.....	6

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Clark, Haynes, Henry, Johnson of Georgia, Orr, Reade, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Clay, Dortch, Maxwell, and Phelan.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Reade, as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Jemison, to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting:

That in lieu of moneyed taxes imposed by existing laws, there shall be levied and collected from the various items of property and other subjects of taxation hereinafter mentioned, as nearly as practicable, an annual tax of millions of dollars at the rates hereinafter specified.

SEC. 2. That upon full payment of all taxes assessed against any individual, firm, or corporation, there shall be issued, by the collector, to every such taxpayer, a certificate stating amount and date of payment, for four-fifths of which amount there shall be issued, under direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, a bond, or scrip, bearing an annual interest of per centum, payable on the first day of in each and every year, at such place and in such manner as the Secretary may prescribe. Said bond or scrip shall be payable to each taxpayer by name, shall not be negotiable, and void in the hands of any other holder than the original taxpayer, or his legal and proper representatives; and said bonds or scrip shall be payable in not less than years, renewable at the pleasure of the Government, and shall be without coupons attached, but otherwise of such form as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe.

SEC. 3. The noninterest-bearing notes of the old issue and call certificates shall be fundable and convertible as specified on their face, or agreeably to the law authorizing their issue; and when any Treasury note of the old issue shall be received in payment of public dues, sale of bonds, by funding or otherwise, the same shall not be reissued.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to make a new issue of noninterest-bearing Treasury notes to an amount not exceeding two hundred millions of dollars, payable two years after the ratification of a definitive treaty of peace with the United States, and in such form, of such denominations, and with such authentication as he may prescribe. When the notes of this new issue are in any manner received into the Treasury they may be reissued or be substituted by others, so as not at any time to increase the whole amount of this issue in circulation beyond the amount limited by law. The Treasury notes herein authorized to be issued shall be receivable in all public dues, and shall be a legal tender in payment of all debts, except export and other duties now or hereafter required by law to be paid in specie, or taxes required to be paid in kind; and the faith of the Government

is hereby pledged that the notes, bonds, and interest-bearing scrip, issued under the provisions of this act, shall never be taxed, either directly or indirectly, and that the entire amount of notes issued for circulation under this act, and outstanding at any one time, shall never exceed millions of dollars; and the faith of the Government is further pledged that the notes, bonds, stocks, call certificates, or other credits of the Government heretofore issued, or that may hereafter be issued by authority of law, shall never be taxed so as to reduce the interest thereon below five per centum per annum.

SEC. 5. Upon the presentation or deposit of four hundred dollars in the old issue of Treasury notes, or any sum the multiple of four hundred, at the Treasury or any of the depositories thereof, the holder shall be entitled to receive three-fourths of the amount so deposited or presented in the coupon bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of this act, and the other fourth in the new issue of notes herein authorized; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to issue all bonds and scrip provided for in this act; and until the same can be prepared, he may issue certificates which, until bonds or scrip shall be issued in lieu thereof, shall bear the rate of interest per annum of the scrip or bonds for which the certificates are issued,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	3
	{ Nays	16

On motion by Mr. Jemison,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Clark, and Jemison.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Clay, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Orr, Phelan, Reade, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting: -

That all outstanding Treasury notes not bearing interest, of and above the denomination of five dollars, shall be retired from circulation by the first day of October next, in the manner hereinafter prescribed, and that the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to issue new Treasury notes to an amount not exceeding the sum of two hundred and fifty millions of dollars in such form and of such denominations of and above the denomination of five dollars, as he may prescribe, payable two years after the ratification of a treaty of peace with the United States, and fundable in stocks or bonds of the Confederate States, and receivable for all public dues except such as are required to be paid in specie only, and that said new notes shall be substituted for the old in the manner prescribed by this act.

SEC. 2. That upon all Treasury notes not bearing interest of and above the denomination of five dollars, and upon the principal sum of all call certificates outstanding on the first day of April next, there shall be levied and collected a tax of twenty-five cents for every dollar promised on the face of said notes and certificates; that on the first day of June next there shall be levied and collected upon all Treasury notes not bearing interest, and upon the principal sum of all call certificates then outstanding, a tax of thirty-three and one-third cents for every dollar promised on the face of said notes and certificates; that on the first day of August next there shall be levied and collected upon all Treasury notes not bearing interest, and upon the principal sum of all call certificates then outstanding, a tax of fifty cents for every dollar promised on the face of said notes and certificates, and on the first day of October next there shall be levied and collected upon all Treasury notes not bearing interest, and upon the principal sum of all call certificates then outstanding, a tax of one hundred cents for every dollar promised on the face of said notes and certificates. The said tax shall be collected by the same agencies and in the same manner which are or may be directed by law for the collection of other money taxes, except the tax on call certificates, which shall be collected at the Treasury by deducting from the principal sum thereof the tax which may be due thereon at the time when the same shall be reconverted into notes by the owners of said certificates.

SEC. 3. That of the tax which may be collected on the first of April, June, August, and October, severally, the taxpayer shall receive at each time of the payment of said tax two-thirds of the amount in certificates of indebtedness, payable two years after the ratification of a treaty of peace with the United States, and bearing six per

cent interest per annum, which certificates of indebtedness shall be transferable by will or inheritance only.

SEC. 4. That all Treasury notes not bearing interest and call certificates which may be outstanding after the first day of October next are hereby declared to be demonetized and forever barred as evidences of indebtedness against the Government of the Confederate States.

SEC. 5. That upon all contracts made with the Government between the fifteenth day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and the date of the passage of this act, there shall be levied a tax of thirty-three and one-third per cent upon the amount agreed to be paid by deducting from the sum due under said contracts the amount of said tax, and the said contracts, after deducting the said tax, shall be paid in Treasury notes of the new issue, authorized by the first section of this act.

SEC. 6. That from and after the first day of April next all payments made by the Government shall be made in the new issue of Treasury notes.

SEC. 7. That until the first of April next Treasury notes of the old issue shall be fundable according to the provisions of existing laws, but not thereafter.

SEC. 8. That Treasury notes of the old issue not bearing interest, when collected in payment of public dues, or by the sale of bonds, or by funding, shall not be reissued; but instead thereof the Secretary of the Treasury shall issue one-third thereof in new notes, payable two years after the ratification of a treaty of peace with the United States, receivable in payment of all public dues, except export duties, and any tax declared by law to be payable in specie, subject, however, to the provisions of the twelfth section of this act.

SEC. 9. That all call certificates not reconverted into notes prior to the first day of April next, after deducting the tax that may be due thereon, may be paid in notes of the old issue or in notes of the new issue at the rate of three dollars of the old for one of the new issue; but after the first day of April such certificates shall be reconverted into new notes only: *Provided*, That the tax, if any, due thereon shall be deducted from their face.

SEC. 10. That all Treasury notes of the old issue not bearing interest may, until the first of April next, be converted into call certificates according to existing laws, but shall be reconverted only in accordance with the ninth section of this act.

SEC. 11. That between the first of April and the first of October all Treasury notes not bearing interest, under rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, may be converted into call certificates at the rate of three dollars of the old for one of the new issue of notes, which certificates shall be reconvertible into notes of the new issue, dollar for dollar, and bear interest at the rate of three per cent per annum, and the new issue of Treasury notes may be converted at par into call certificates bearing interest at the rate of three per cent per annum, under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

SEC. 12. That Treasury notes of the old issue not bearing interest, when received by the Government, shall not be reissued, nor shall any new notes, in lieu of such old notes received as aforesaid, be issued, unless the total amount outstanding of new notes, and of old notes not bearing interest, valued at the rate of three dollars of the old for one of the new issue, and of call certificates, shall be less than two hundred and fifty millions of dollars. In that event, so many new notes may be issued as to raise the amount above described to two hundred and fifty millions of dollars, but to no greater sum.

SEC. 13. That the Treasury notes heretofore issued, bearing interest at the rate of seven dollars and thirty cents on the hundred dollars per annum, shall no longer be receivable in payment of the public dues, but shall be deemed and considered bonds of the Confederate States, payable two years after the ratification of a treaty of peace with the United States, bearing the rate of interest specified on their face, payable on the first of January of each and every year.

SEC. 14. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized, in case the exigencies of the Government should require it, to pay the demand of any public creditor willing to receive the same in a certificate of indebtedness to be issued by him, payable in two years after the ratification of a treaty of peace, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable semiannually and transferable by special indorsement under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

SEC. 15. That to defray the expenses of the Government not otherwise provided for, the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to issue six per cent bonds to an amount not exceeding five hundred millions of dollars, the principal and interest whereof shall be free from taxation, and for the payment of the interest thereon the entire net receipts of any export duty hereafter laid on the value of all cotton, tobacco, and naval stores which shall be exported from the Confederate States, and the net proceeds of the import duties now laid, or so much thereof as may be neces-

sary to pay annually the interest, are hereby specially pledged: *Provided*, That the duties now laid upon imports and hereby pledged shall hereafter be paid in specie, or in sterling exchange, or in the coupons attached to said bonds as they become due, or in Treasury notes at their market value in specie: *Provided further*, That during the war the coupons on said bonds may be received in payment of said import duties six months in advance of the maturity of said coupons: *And provided further*, That the said duties on imports shall be payable in Treasury notes of the new issue, at par, until the Secretary of the Treasury shall publish that fifteen millions of said bonds have been sold.

SEC. 15. The Secretary of the Treasury shall, from time to time, sell, upon the best terms he may find practicable, for Treasury notes of the issue herein authorized, specie, or foreign exchange, so many of these bonds as may be necessary to meet the wants of the Treasury.

SEC. 16. The bonds authorized by this act may be either registered or coupon bonds, as the parties taking them may elect, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe. They shall be for fifty or one hundred dollars, or for some multiple of one hundred, and shall be in such form and with such authentication as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe. The interest shall be payable half yearly, on the first day of January and July in each year; the principal shall be payable not less than thirty years from their date.

SEC. 17. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to increase the number of depositories so as to meet the requirements of this act, and with that view to employ such of the banks of the several States as he may deem expedient.

SEC. 18. The Secretary of the Treasury shall forthwith advertise this act in such newspapers published in the several States, and by such other means as shall secure immediate and extended publicity; and the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy will each cause it to be published in general orders for the information of the Army and Navy.

SEC. 19. The issue of Treasury notes, from and after the first day of April next, except as herein provided for, is hereby prohibited; and the forty-second section of the act for the assessment and collection of taxes, approved May first, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, is hereby repealed.

SEC. 20. That nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit the tax for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-three to be collected in notes of the old issue at par,

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, that the bill, together with the proposed amendment, be recommitted to the Committee on Finance,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas -----	8
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On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Clay, Haynes, Hill, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Oldham, and Orr.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Dortch, Henry, Hunter, Maxwell, Phelan, Reade, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Johnson of Georgia,

It was determined in the negative.

Pending the further consideration of the bill,

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of R. L. Gibson and C. H. Stevens, to be brigadier-generals; L. W. Hastings, to be major; W. M. Price, Albert Hyer, Charles T. Holmes, Thomas Gibson, Samuel Hunter,

John A. Cheatham, E. Miltenberger, Celsus Price, Henry S. Puryear, W. W. Old, and C. A. Williams, to be aids-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenant, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the nomination of Richard S. Ewell, to be lieutenant-general, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration of said nomination be postponed till to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1864

OPEN SESSION.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a series of resolutions passed by a meeting of the noncommissioned officers and privates of Company B, Twentieth Artillery Battalion Alabama Volunteers, declaring that they had reenlisted for the war, and requesting the passage of an act granting to all three-years men, upon their reenlisting for the war, the privilege of reelecting their field and company officers; which were read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 198) to provide for the organization of a bureau of polytechnics for the examination, experiment, and application of warlike inventions, reported it without amendment.

Ordered, That it be printed.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the following subjects:

S. 162. A bill to provide additional remuneration for noncommissioned officers and privates serving in the Army of the Confederate States;

S. 202. A bill to punish absence from the Army; and

Memorial of Alfred T. Mann and others, of the Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the State of Georgia, praying the passage of a law authorizing commissaries and quartermasters to sell rations and forage to all duly accredited missionaries in the Army at the rates at which they are issued to officers, and allowing each army chaplain to draw forage for one horse.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the following joint resolutions:

H. R. 19. Joint resolution of thanks to Captain Odlum, Lieutenant Dowling, and the men under their command; and

H. R. 23. Joint resolution of thanks to General Beauregard and the officers and men of his command for their defense of Charleston, S. C.; reported them severally, without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolutions (H. R. 19, H. R. 23) last mentioned; and no amendment being proposed, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said resolutions were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed joint resolutions of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 27. Joint resolution of thanks to North Carolina troops; and

S. 28. Joint resolution of thanks to the troops from the State of Louisiana in the Army of Tennessee.

And they have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 105. An act to provide an invalid corps;

H. R. 106. An act to allow commissioned officers of the Army rations and the privilege of purchasing clothing from the Quartermaster's Department; and

H. R. 107. An act to increase the efficiency of the Army by the employment of free negroes and slaves in certain cases [capacities].

The bills (H. R. 105, H. R. 106, H. R. 107) last mentioned were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced the following bills:

S. 212. A bill to amend the acts of April 1, 1862, and September 23, 1862;

S. 213. A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide and organize engineer troops to serve during the war," approved March 20, 1863; and

S. 214. A bill to repeal an act entitled "An act to authorize the President to confer temporary rank and command, for service with volunteer troops, on officers of the Confederate Army," approved May 21, 1861;

which were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 8) of thanks to Col. Thomas G. Lamar and the officers and men engaged in the defense of Secessionville, communicated to the Senate from the House of Representatives at the last session for concurrence; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,
The Senate adjourned.

Messrs. Caperton, Dortch, Henry, Hunter, Maxwell, Phelan, Reade, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,
Messrs. Baker, Burnett, Clark, Clay, Haynes, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Orr, and Simms.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, the last-mentioned vote was reconsidered.

An amendment being proposed by Mr. Haynes,

On motion by Mr. Reade, that the bill, together with the proposed amendment, be recommitted to the Committee on Finance,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

Ordered, That the bill with the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes be recommitted to a select committee of five members.

The Senate proceeded, by ballot, to the appointment of the said committee; and

Mr. Hunter (chairman), Mr. Oldham, Mr. Simms, Mr. Orr, and Mr. Semmes were appointed.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nomination of Richard S. Ewell, to be lieutenant-general; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of E. S. Ready, John F. Andrews, Oscar M. Watkins, T. W. Radcliffe, and J. J. Daniels, to be majors, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That the further consideration of said nominations be postponed till to-morrow.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of Richard R. Goode, James Theus Taylor, Theophilus Caillouch, Pierre Durel, Samuel Brown Maney, John Grammer, jr., Joseph Leonard Estarge, Benjamin Franklin Eppes, William Campbell Gilson, Ira Williams, William Benjamin Day, John Wilson Glenn, Robert B. Smith, John Richard Crain, Vincent O. King, Jesse W. Johnson, Walter T. Adair, George Tebault, J. W. Sears, Theodore Parker, Jeremiah R. Haldeman, John F. Y. Paine, Rhesa W. Read, Lee M. Alexander, Octavius Alexander, Thomas A. Lonergan, James Steel Fish, John M. Brough, Charles Henry Taber, Hugh Stockdell, Edward G. Porcher, Stiles Kennedy, Caleb Winfrey, Hugh C. McCall, Samuel Muller, John S. Buist, Herman Baer, Hugh G. McClarty, Lewis H. Orme, Thomas M. Blackwell, John B. Oden, Oscar C. Brothers, John S. Fletcher, and Charles D. Lewis, to be surgeons; William Spottswood Smith, Obadiah V. Garnett, James Jefferson Flake, Benjamin Warren Glover, John Jenkins Tobin, John Russell Pickett, Charles E. Allen, David Hall Billieu, Melton Oliver Stribbling, William Ray McCreight, Frank Rainey, Thomas B. Greenwood, Hugh Gordon Jackson, Charles Marshall Erwin, Charles Hooks Harris, Franklin J. Geiger, John B. Holmes, Thomas Buchanan, Thomas B. Williams, William Moore Wilson, John McDonald, William F.

Smith, Edward Chaffers, Emmett A. Drewry, James Layne, Alfred S. Patrick, Philip W. Anderson, Edward T. Terrell, William Bellinger, W. H. B. Goodwin, Henry V. Weeden, John Henry Ruddell, John Caldwell Calhoun, Jos. Sanford Simmons, William R. Caldwell, Dunklin Pierce, Moses K. Harrison, Robert H. Oakman, Andrew J. Beale, Abel B. Wallace, Rufus J. Murphy, Richard H. Parker, George Alex. Owen, Randolph Holden, James Palmer Cain, Jett Thomas West, William Craig Moore, Jesse M. Westmoreland, James Purcell, Alex. S. Johnson, William Z. Bedon, Daniel Flud, Ed. Manley Royall, Harford M. Cumming, Nicholas W. Draper, John Allen Owens, Henry Rossignol, Thomas Terrell Dismukes, Richard C. Richardson, Edward Francis Allston, Thomas D. Whiteside, Andrew H. Read, Francis P. Wellford, George Frost Mellen, Robert B. Richardson, C. G. Smither, Lewis A. Boswell, George W. Thomas, William H. Walker, Napoleon B. Nevitt, Robert C. McCann, James Madison Simmons, John Wesley Spillman, Robert Joseph Parham, John Robert Fleming, Charles J. Ingersoll, Sydney P. Kennedy, Charles J. F. Meriwether, Richard H. Randolph, William Henry Babcock, Richard A. Christian, Andrew S. Cameron, James Edwin Hines, John W. Collier, Joseph Terry Dismukes, John Lawrence Ancrum, John Crews Pelot, William H. Baxley, Matthew Calvert, Maurice A. Moore, Chandler M. Pope, Philip S. Kirk, Beverly C. Cook, Thomas J. Teague, James M. Sloan, George Washington Tribble, Thomas Eskridge, Lysias B. Chilton, Conrad Wall, John Barkley Evans, William Wood Hall, Henry Jasper Winn, Lorenzo White, Henry L. Williams, Cary B. Blackburn, Edward Pollard, George Francis Thornton, B. Mayfield, Renley S. Butler, M. J. D. Dantzler, Eugene B. Rochelle, Julian C. Feild, Felix W. Littlejohn, George G. Duggins, William E. Dailey, Benjamin F. Meadows, Albert M. Walls, Thomas F. Henderson, William Thomas Ward, Lewis B. Mitchell, Albert B. Clanton, and William E. Franklin, to be assistant surgeons, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 1, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Maj. Gen. John B. Hood, of Texas, to be lieutenant-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 30, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Maj. Gen. John B. Hood, of Texas, to be lieutenant-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to take rank from September 20, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 1, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 34.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 28, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS-GENERAL.

Captains.

C. I. Harvie, of Virginia, to take rank from January 8, 1864.
W. L. London, of North Carolina, to take rank from January 6, 1864.
C. A. Withers, of Kentucky, to take rank from January 6, 1864.
A. H. Harris, of Louisiana, to take rank from January 13, 1864.
Warwick Hough, of Missouri, to take rank from January 9, 1864.
Thomas Boyd Edelin, of Maryland, to take rank from January 13, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 1, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate J. J. Bradford, of Georgia, to be major in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, January 30, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of J. J. Bradford, of Georgia, to be major Thirty-seventh Georgia Regiment, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America (an original vacancy), to take rank from May 6, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, &c.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, February 1, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 4.] WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
Richmond, December 8, 1863.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

Lieutenant-colonels.

- A. J. Smith, of Virginia, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 A. H. Cole, of Florida, to rank from November 30, 1863.
 M. B. McMicken, of Florida, to rank from November 30, 1863.

Majors.

- N. R. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, to rank from May 11, 1863.
 G. McKendree, of Virginia, to rank from May 19, 1863.
 N. O. Tilton, of Georgia, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 W. D. Peck, of South Carolina, to rank from January 1, 1862.
 C. L. Randolph, of Tennessee, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 F. P. Beck, of Louisiana, to rank from May 30, 1863.
 John Crawford, of Arkansas, to rank from June 9, 1863.
 E. B. Branch, of Virginia, to rank from May 14, 1863.
 R. J. Echols, of North Carolina, to rank from May 14, 1863.
 John C. Peay, of Arkansas, to rank from June 16, 1863.
 J. Hamilton, of Mississippi, to rank from June 16, 1863.
 J. R. Arnold, of Texas, to rank from June 16, 1863.
 William Bacon, of Georgia, to rank from June 16, 1863.
 J. B. E. Sloan, of South Carolina, to rank from June 16, 1863.
 R. C. Saunders, of Virginia, to rank from June 16, 1863.
 E. Bradford, of Virginia, to rank from June 16, 1863.
 C. C. Yonge, of Florida, to rank from August 13, 1863.
 B. P. Roy, of Tennessee, to rank from September 30, 1862.
 J. H. Henshaw, of Louisiana, to rank from June 18, 1863.
 W. H. Moore, of Tennessee, to rank from June 1, 1863.
 J. D. Whitford, of North Carolina, to rank from June 9, 1863.
 Fern M. Wood, of Virginia, to rank from June 6, 1863.
 E. W. Herndon, of North Carolina, to rank from July 8, 1863.
 C. V. Cosby, of Virginia, to rank from June 18, 1863.
 J. H. Screven, of South Carolina, to rank from July 15, 1863.
 John W. Bell, of Virginia, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 E. L. Hord, of Tennessee, to rank from April 6, 1863.
 S. C. Muldon, of Alabama, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 H. M. Davenport, of Georgia, to rank from July 30, 1863.
 T. A. Burke, of Georgia, to rank from August 1, 1863.
 John Webb, of Kentucky, to rank from June 24, 1863.
 J. E. Mason, of Texas, to rank from October 27, 1862.
 John B. Neal, of North Carolina, to rank from July 23, 1863.
 T. B. Beall, of Mississippi, to rank from August 27, 1863.
 M. McCarthy, of Alabama, to rank from August 22, 1863.
 H. B. Adams, of Texas, to rank from September 19, 1863.
 Thomas S. Smith, of Louisiana, to rank from July 15, 1863.
 P. H. Woodward, of Virginia, to rank from September 18, 1863.
 J. D. Richardson, of Virginia, to rank from September 28, 1863.
 E. B. Fort, of Mississippi, to rank from August 21, 1863.
 W. L. McConico, of Tennessee, to rank from October 17, 1863.
 J. M. Hottel, of Texas, to rank from September 18, 1863.
 A. H. Galloway, of North Carolina, to rank from October 25, 1863.
 G. S. Atkins, of Tennessee, to rank from October 23, 1863.
 B. D. Williams, of North Carolina, to rank from October 7, 1863.
 Thomas J. Jenkins, of Virginia, to rank from October 25, 1863.
 John Hughes, of North Carolina, to rank from November 21, 1863.
 W. E. Clarke, of Virginia, to rank from October 1, 1863.
 William H. Miller, of Virginia, to rank from November 20, 1863.
 T. W. Coles, of Alabama, to rank from November 16, 1863.
 S. R. Chisman, of Virginia, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 Kensey Johns, of Texas, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 J. Livingston, of Louisiana, to rank from June 2, 1863.
 A. E. Lassalle, of Louisiana, to rank from May 28, 1863.
 J. G. Michaeloffsky, of Alabama, to rank from July 6, 1863.
 H. S. Routh, of Louisiana, to rank from June 24, 1863.
 C. M. Smith, of Virginia, to rank from July 6, 1863.
 R. P. Archer, of Virginia, to rank from July 6, 1863.

E. McMahon, of Virginia, to rank from July 20, 1863.
 S. F. Power, of Mississippi, to rank from August 17, 1863.
 H. F. Springer, of Louisiana, to rank from September 4, 1863.
 H. Pendleton, of Virginia, to rank from September 7, 1863.
 E. Powell, of Virginia, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 A. M. Paxton, of Mississippi, to rank from October 2, 1863.
 J. W. Young, of Mississippi, to rank from September 23, 1863.
 C. F. Moore, of Mississippi, to rank from September 23, 1863.
 James L. McCluer, of Missouri, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 C. S. Wallach, of Virginia, to rank from August 27, 1863.
 W. G. Ferguson, of Virginia, to rank from October 23, 1863.
 W. G. Bentley, of Virginia, to rank from October 23, 1863.
 T. C. Fearn, of Mississippi, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 S. Hillyer, of Georgia, to rank from October 31, 1863.
 E. Taylor, of Virginia, to rank from November 14, 1863.
 C. McGivern, of Alabama, to rank from June 1, 1862.
 J. P. Horback, of Tennessee, to rank from November 25, 1863.
 E. C. White, of Maryland, to rank from November 20, 1863.
 E. H. Ewing, of Mississippi, to rank from December 3, 1863.

Captains.

T. C. Robertson, of Louisiana, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 W. J. Lynham, jr., of Virginia, to rank from May 12, 1863.
 W. M. Armstrong, of Texas, to rank from April 23, 1863.
 M. V. Moore, of North Carolina, to rank from December 2, 1862.
 C. F. Bahnson, of North Carolina, to rank from January 1, 1863.
 S. Y. Caldwell, of Tennessee, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 F. G. Roewe, of Virginia, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 Joseph Brown, of Tennessee, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 W. P. M. Ashley, of Georgia, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 D. A. Parker, of North Carolina, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 F. C. Malain, of Louisiana, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 John Frizzell, of Tennessee, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 James Clayton, of Tennessee, to rank from February 25, 1862.
 B. C. Henry, of Georgia, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 J. R. Mordecai, of South Carolina, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 H. P. Richmond, of Georgia, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 W. A. Wilburn, of Arkansas, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 J. C. Graham, of Alabama, to rank from May 14, 1863.
 J. M. Pickens, of South Carolina, to rank from February 26, 1863.
 Y. E. Keirolf, of Tennessee, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 Eugene Bohen, of Virginia, to rank from May 12, 1863.
 J. Clayton, of Missouri, to rank from April 12, 1862.
 T. H. Brame, of North Carolina, to rank from May 12, 1863.
 W. E. Peirce, of North Carolina, to rank from May 26, 1863.
 W. B. Jones, of Virginia, to rank from May 30, 1863.
 J. B. King, of Virginia, to rank from June 2, 1863.
 G. C. Sebastian, of Mississippi, to rank from June 3, 1863.
 J. M. Wilson, of Tennessee, to rank from May 16, 1863.
 J. R. Miller, of Tennessee, to rank from April 30, 1863.
 John J. White, of Virginia, to rank from May 15, 1863.
 H. A. Stubbs, of Mississippi, to rank from May 21, 1863.
 D. Behen, jr., of Arkansas, to rank from November 5, 1862.
 J. M. Bliss, of Arkansas, to rank from November 14, 1862.
 J. W. Bassett, of Arkansas, to rank from July 29, 1862.
 Daniel Jones, of Alabama, to rank from May 14, 1863.
 S. T. Cocke, of Tennessee, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 T. P. Lockhart, of Mississippi, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 T. W. Dinkins, of South Carolina, to rank from June 26, 1863.
 James S. Oden, of Louisiana, to rank from June 5, 1863.
 J. M. Powell, of South Carolina, to rank from March 4, 1863.
 George P. Erwin, of North Carolina, to rank from May 16, 1863.
 A. W. Dunn, of Virginia, to rank from June 3, 1863.
 R. W. Mayrant, of Alabama, to rank from May 27, 1863.
 T. M. Fulton, of Georgia, to rank from March 10, 1863.
 W. O. Hagerty, of Alabama, to rank from May 13, 1863.

R. B. Munford, of Virginia, to rank from June 5, 1863.
E. C. Green, of South Carolina, to rank from May 2, 1863.
O. P. Meares, of North Carolina, to rank from May 23, 1863.
John Maguire, of Alabama, to rank from June 18, 1863.
H. J. Oattis, of Georgia, to rank from June 15, 1863.
D. Lotspeich, of Tennessee, to rank from May 2, 1863.
T. F. Bell, of Missouri, to rank from January 20, 1863.
G. Elgin, of Missouri, to rank from June 24, 1862.
S. T. Fagan, of Alabama, to rank from June 6, 1863.
N. Moores, of Kentucky, to rank from June 4, 1863.
J. A. Yarbrough, of Tennessee, to rank from January 25, 1863.
William Johnston, of Kentucky, to rank from June 20, 1863.
Charles J. White, of Georgia, to rank from January 27, 1863.
James Fitz James, of Virginia, to rank from June 23, 1863.
William J. Malone, of Virginia, to rank from June 24, 1863.
H. Bondurant, of Louisiana, to rank from May 2, 1863.
J. D. Tulloss, of Virginia, to rank from June 25, 1863.
E. F. Pearson, of Missouri, to rank from January 8, 1863.
George E. Price, of Virginia, to rank from June 21, 1863.
W. G. Toomer, of North Carolina, to rank from June 20, 1863.
S. S. Walker, of South Carolina, to rank from July 4, 1863.
C. Reese, jr., of Alabama, to rank from June 13, 1863.
E. R. Peabody, of Georgia, to rank from June 19, 1863.
S. Putney, of Virginia, to rank from June 25, 1863.
W. W. Lester, of Mississippi, to rank from July 6, 1863.
J. W. Wallace, of South Carolina, to rank from July 6, 1863.
G. H. Gregory, of Virginia, to rank from May 29, 1863.
T. H. Williams, of Georgia, to rank from May 7, 1863.
J. V. McNamee, of South Carolina, to rank from May 13, 1863.
W. H. Cook, of Mississippi, to rank from July 13, 1863.
J. B. Sullivan, of South Carolina, to rank from January 21, 1863.
W. D. Bacon, of Georgia, to rank from June 16, 1863.
M. F. Gonzales, of Florida, to rank from June 1, 1863.
J. Miltenberger, of Louisiana, to rank from July 16, 1863.
W. F. Erskine, of Tennessee, to rank from September 26, 1863.
W. E. Weaver, of North Carolina, to rank from July 2, 1863.
J. H. Wright, of Georgia, to rank from July 9, 1863.
S. C. Painter, of Virginia, to rank from May 19, 1863.
Tench Schley, of Mississippi, to rank from May 31, 1863.
J. S. Hamilton, of Tennessee, to rank from April 6, 1863.
B. S. James, of South Carolina, to rank from January 31, 1863.
J. L. Keith, of Georgia, to rank from June 24, 1863.
C. A. Poelnitz, of Alabama, to rank from June 12, 1863.
F. Wolf, of Tennessee, to rank from July 31, 1863.
R. F. Cook, of Mississippi, to rank from June 1, 1863.
Albion Martin, of Virginia, to rank from August 1, 1863.
W. W. Doss, of Mississippi, to rank from July 20, 1863.
B. E. Etheridge, of Arkansas, to rank from May 2, 1863.
Charles C. Sims, of Georgia, to rank from August 8, 1863.
S. L. Bracey, of Mississippi, to rank from July 18, 1863.
J. M. Pender, of Georgia, to rank from July 9, 1863.
J. K. Murphree, of Alabama, to rank from February 12, 1863.
John G. Clark, of Georgia, to rank from August 1, 1863.
F. E. Bridge, of Louisiana, to rank from July 31, 1863.
W. H. Stiles, of Georgia, to rank from August 17, 1863.
E. H. Barnett, of Virginia, to rank from August 7, 1863.
B. C. Willis, of Alabama, to rank from May 22, 1863.
Frank Potts, of Virginia, to rank from August 1, 1863.
R. C. Osbourne, of Virginia, to rank from August 6, 1863.
H. Finley, of Kentucky, to rank from August 26, 1863.
J. B. Ritchey, of Tennessee, to rank from July 31, 1863.
J. S. Westbrook, of Georgia, to rank from August 4, 1863.
E. J. Hamilton, of Virginia, to rank from August 6, 1863.
C. Leflore, of Arkansas, to rank from June 27, 1863.
S. H. Everitt, of North Carolina, to rank from July 31, 1863.
R. P. Hunter, of Tennessee, to rank from July 15, 1863.
W. P. Golightly, of Alabama, to rank from August 8, 1863.

T. Hunter, jr., of Virginia, to rank from September 4, 1863.
F. M. Harney, of Louisiana, to rank from May 19, 1863.
H. C. Robards, of Arkansas, to rank from September 7, 1863.
Thomas A. Dodson, of Alabama, to rank from March 5, 1863.
Chr. Fr. Krull, of Louisiana, to rank from February 1, 1863.
Charles S. Davis, of South Carolina, to rank from September 4, 1863.
George E. Macon, of Alabama, to rank from July 1, 1863.
J. P. Dickinson, of Alabama, to rank from September 8, 1863.
John H. Thomas, of Georgia, to rank from September 1, 1863.
William H. Rogers, of Virginia, to rank from September 16, 1863.
C. T. Bennis, of Louisiana, to rank from July 17, 1863.
C. G. Paleske, of Virginia, to rank from September 19, 1863.
J. P. Ford, of Texas, to rank from September 18, 1863.
W. W. Vaught, of Mississippi, to rank from September 19, 1863.
E. McIntosh, of South Carolina, to rank from August 26, 1863.
N. S. Adams, of Missouri, to rank from August 12, 1863.
J. A. Grayson, of Arkansas, to rank from October 3, 1863.
E. Harvey, of North Carolina, to rank from September 24, 1863.
John D. Brooks, of Virginia, to rank from September 16, 1863.
John M. Burr, of Virginia, to rank from October 6, 1863.
D. L. Cohen, of Alabama, to rank from October 6, 1863.
George W. Thomas, of Georgia, to rank from September 29, 1863.
John W. Faust, of Arkansas, to rank from May 2, 1863.
A. Stephens, of Alabama, to rank from May 2, 1863.
James B. White, of Missouri, to rank from May 2, 1863.
J. G. McElroy, of North Carolina, to rank from September 17, 1863.
Alex. M. Earle, of Virginia, to rank from September 26, 1863.
W. K. Hyer, of Alabama, to rank from July 22, 1863.
Martin V. Moore, of North Carolina, to rank from August 3, 1863.
A. G. Smith, of Kentucky, to rank from August 13, 1863.
J. H. Johnson, of Florida, to rank from September 12, 1863.
C. Thomas, of Tennessee, to rank from May 2, 1863.
J. Law Hoof, of Virginia, to rank from October 2, 1863.
W. P. Anderson, of Georgia, to rank from October 20, 1863.
S. M. May, of Georgia, to rank from September 25, 1863.
C. C. Hammock, of Georgia, to rank from October 13, 1863.
John S. Claghorn, of Georgia, to rank from October 1, 1863.
Clay Rice, of Tennessee, to rank from October 19, 1863.
W. E. Frankland, of Virginia, to rank from October 27, 1863.
C. L. Thompson, of Georgia, to rank from October 19, 1863.
F. A. Henry, of Mississippi, to rank from August 24, 1863.
J. T. Williams, of Tennessee, to rank from May 2, 1863.
W. M. Simpson, of Missouri, to rank from May 2, 1863.
T. L. Airey, of Louisiana, to rank from May 2, 1863.
J. P. Phillips, of Georgia, to rank from June 25, 1863.
Elias L. Rivers, of South Carolina, to rank from September 26, 1863.
Willis S. Stone, of Tennessee, to rank from July 31, 1863.
John F. Allen, of Virginia, to rank from October 31, 1863.
B. F. Stewart, of Missouri, to rank from May 2, 1863.
R. C. Sims, of Texas, to rank from May 2, 1863.
G. T. Rankin, of Mississippi, to rank from June 1, 1863.
V. L. Hopson, of Virginia, to rank from October 24, 1863.
H. W. Rives, of Alabama, to rank from October 25, 1863.
W. C. Jordan, of North Carolina, to rank from May 27, 1863.
N. A. Stuart, of Virginia, to rank from November 16, 1863.
William J. White, of North Carolina, to rank from November 4, 1863.
J. M. Nicholson, of Virginia, to rank from November 8, 1863.
James B. Sugg, of Tennessee, to rank from November 26, 1863.
A. T. Roane, of Mississippi, to rank from November 2, 1863.
H. T. Owens, of Mississippi, to rank from November 11, 1863.
J. S. Northington, of North Carolina, to rank from November 14, 1863.
A. Hobday, of Virginia, to rank from June 24, 1863.
J. P. McCulloch, of Texas, to rank from August 29, 1863.
F. M. Johnston, of Georgia, to rank from September 24, 1863.
D. L. Hopkins, of Virginia, to rank from October 2, 1863.
T. J. Lynch, of Texas, to rank from May 10, 1863.
G. D. Spurrier, of Maryland, to rank from June 24, 1861.

W. P. Warfield, of Mississippi, to rank from October 13, 1863.
R. V. Gaines, of Virginia, to rank from October 1, 1863.
E. W. Davis, of Georgia, to rank from October 17, 1863.
George E. Taylor, of Virginia, to rank from October 19, 1863.
John F. Cage, of Tennessee, to rank from October 16, 1863.
J. W. Balfour, of Mississippi, to rank from October 16, 1863.
John Dobbin, of Texas, to rank from October 28, 1863.
J. McLaughlin, of Tennessee, to rank from May 2, 1863.
T. M. Robinson, of North Carolina, to rank from October 22, 1863.
J. A. Anderson, of Georgia, to rank from October 18, 1863.
Jos. L. Thomas, of Missouri, to rank from July 24, 1863.
J. R. Bryan, jr., of Virginia, to rank from November 14, 1863.
H. F. Cook, of Mississippi, to rank from November 21, 1863.
S. Fairbanks, of Florida, to rank from November 21, 1863.
C. A. Manlove, of Mississippi, to rank from November 21, 1863.
E. G. Williams, of Mississippi, to rank from November 21, 1863.
R. R. Randolph, of Mississippi, to rank from November 21, 1863.
George A. Cuyler, of Georgia, to rank from November 25, 1863.
John Lightfoot, of Virginia, to rank from November 19, 1863.
L. B. Mitchell, of Mississippi, to rank from November 25, 1863.
H. C. Thorburn, of Virginia, to rank from December 2, 1863.
John G. Beckham, of Virginia, to rank from December 3, 1863.
W. B. Davison, of Georgia, to rank from December 1, 1863.
E. M. Bacon, of Texas, to rank from May 26, 1863.
J. E. Peebles, of Alabama, to rank from June 16, 1863.
James Farley, of Alabama, to rank from June 16, 1863.
B. J. Curry, of Alabama, to rank from June 16, 1863.
John D. Brandon, of Alabama, to rank from June 16, 1863.
J. L. Cunningham, of Alabama, to rank from June 16, 1863.
R. Manning, of Alabama, to rank from June 16, 1863.
T. C. Clark, of Alabama, to rank from June 16, 1863.
J. F. Craft, of Georgia, to rank from June 16, 1863.
T. A. Gilham, of Georgia, to rank from June 16, 1863.
A. B. McEachin, of Georgia, to rank from June 16, 1863.
A. Dickinson, of Georgia, to rank from June 16, 1863.
W. F. Holden, of Georgia, to rank from June 16, 1863.
R. K. Hines, of Georgia, to rank from June 16, 1863.
T. L. Macon, of Georgia, to rank from June 16, 1863.
F. L. Dancy, of Florida, to rank from June 16, 1863.
H. D. Brigham, of Louisiana, to rank from June 16, 1863.
R. A. Burnes, of Tennessee, to rank from June 16, 1863.
W. D. Tapp, of Tennessee, to rank from June 16, 1863.
G. N. Eakin, of Tennessee, to rank from June 16, 1863.
W. J. Gordon, of Mississippi, to rank from June 16, 1863.
W. J. Bryant, of Mississippi, to rank from June 16, 1863.
F. F. Freeman, of Mississippi, to rank from June 16, 1863.
J. M. Phipps, of Mississippi, to rank from June 16, 1863.
B. F. Jones, of Mississippi, to rank from June 16, 1863.
F. H. Quitman, of Mississippi, to rank from June 16, 1863.
B. W. Taylor, of Arkansas, to rank from June 16, 1863.
J. K. P. Pritchard, of Arkansas, to rank from June 16, 1863.
E. W. Parker, of Arkansas, to rank from June 16, 1863.
William Cooke, of Texas, to rank from June 16, 1863.
John S. Sellers, of Texas, to rank from June 16, 1863.
R. G. Harper, of Texas, to rank from June 16, 1863.
W. B. Wall, of Texas, to rank from June 16, 1863.
J. F. Cooper, of Georgia, to rank from June 16, 1863.
John Kennedy, of South Carolina, to rank from June 16, 1863.
C. A. Mallory, of South Carolina, to rank from June 16, 1863.
M. Glover, of South Carolina, to rank from June 16, 1863.
O. F. Simpson, of South Carolina, to rank from June 16, 1863.
Julius F. Coit, of South Carolina, to rank from June 16, 1863.
S. M. Finger, of North Carolina, to rank from June 16, 1863.
Charles R. King, of North Carolina, to rank from June 16, 1863.
J. A. Stewart, of North Carolina, to rank from June 16, 1863.
J. H. Bryan, of North Carolina, to rank from June 16, 1863.
L. Hilliard, of North Carolina, to rank from June 16, 1863.

J. M. McGowan, of North Carolina, to rank from June 16, 1863.
 L. L. Marks, of Virginia, to rank from June 16, 1863.
 R. C. Saunders, of Virginia, to rank from June 16, 1863.
 John W. Jones, of Virginia, to rank from June 16, 1863.
 W. G. Cazenove, of Virginia, to rank from June 16, 1863.
 Orlando Smith, of Virginia, to rank from June 16, 1863.
 G. H. Fitzwilson, of Virginia, to rank from June 16, 1863.
 L. M. Wilson, of Virginia, to rank from June 16, 1863.
 C. C. Macmurdo, of Virginia, to rank from May 14, 1863.
 W. Van Benthuyssen, of Louisiana, to rank from June 24, 1863.
 D. Pender, of North Carolina, to rank from July 2, 1863.
 John Brannon, of Virginia, to rank from July 9, 1863.
 V. Q. Johnson, of Tennessee, to rank from July 14, 1863.
 J. H. D. Smoot, of Virginia, to rank from July 20, 1863.
 James H. Bull, of Florida, to rank from July 20, 1863.
 C. H. Rhett, of South Carolina, to rank from August 6, 1863.
 A. S. Fletcher, of Alabama, to rank from September 19, 1863.
 A. S. Garnett, of Virginia, to rank from September 8, 1863.
 J. K. Vance, of South Carolina, to rank from August 20, 1863.
 S. S. Kirkland, of North Carolina, to rank from October 13, 1863.
 Henry C. Hart, of Alabama, to rank from October 27, 1863.
 R. Montgomery, of Louisiana, to rank from November 11, 1863.
 J. P. Smith, of Louisiana, to rank from November 11, 1863.
 G. J. Sumner, of Virginia, to rank from November 21, 1863.
 P. P. Barbour, of Virginia, to rank from August 6, 1863.
 James Sowers, of Virginia, to rank from August 6, 1863.
 John H. Stout, of Virginia, to rank from August 6, 1863.
 J. P. Bridger, of North Carolina, to rank from September 11, 1863.
 R. C. Macmurdo, of Virginia, to rank from July 1, 1863.
 B. Morgan, of Texas, to rank from May 30, 1863.
 R. D. Gribble, of Louisiana, to rank from May 2, 1863.
 I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 105) to provide an invalid corps, reported it without amendment.

Ordered, That it be printed.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 22) of thanks to Maj. Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne and the officers and men under his command for distinguished services at Ringgold Gap, in the State of Georgia, November 27, 1863, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution last mentioned; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 104) amendatory of an act entitled "An act to put an end to the exemption from military service of those who have heretofore furnished substitutes," approved January 5, 1864, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the resolutions passed at a meeting of the noncommissioned officers and privates of Company B, Twentieth Artillery Battalion Alabama Volunteers.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 90) to make additional appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1864, reported it with amendments.

Ordered, That the bill and amendments be printed.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

H. R. 97. An act to authorize the President to assign judges of military courts from one court to another;

S. 144. An act to change the time for the assembling of Congress for its next regular session; and

S. 25. Joint resolution of thanks to the Tennessee troops who have reenlisted for the war.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Baker, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 185) for the relief of Capt. William W. Paine, assistant quartermaster of the First Georgia Regulars, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Sparrow submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to employ such additional clerical force for the remainder of the session as may be necessary to keep up the business of the Senate.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 192) to regulate the allowance of traveling expenses of officers of the Navy and others traveling under orders; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill (S. 170) to provide for the auditing and payment of certain claims in the State of Mississippi; which was again read the second time and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the con-

sideration of the bill (S. 204) to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by striking out the fifth section, as follows:

SEC. 5. That the officers assigned to duty, or appointed to armies, corps, divisions, or brigades, under this act, shall, with the exception of aid-de-camp, form a part, and remain attached to the several organizations to which they were assigned or appointed, except when otherwise directed by the President,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting the following independent section:

SEC. —. That, in addition to the staff officers herein provided, the President may, in his discretion, attach to the staff of the commanding general in the Trans-Mississippi Department two general officers, to be charged with administrative duties in said department, under the control and direction of the commanding general,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	5
	{ Nays	16

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Johnson of Arkansas, Orr, Semmes, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Clark, Clay, Dortch, Haynes, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Phelan, Reade, Simms, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Clark, to amend the bill by striking out of the sixth section the words "already in service,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by striking out of the sixth section the words "who have served twelve months in the field," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "who have been in the military service six months or more,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, to amend the bill by striking out the sixth section, as follows:

SEC. 6. That all appointments under this act shall be made from officers or from privates who have served twelve months in the field,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Sparrow, it was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	19
	{ Nays	0

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Clay, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Orr, Phelan, Reade, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Semmes (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 215) to amend an act to authorize the appointment of an agent of the Treasury Department west of the Mississippi, approved January 27, 1864;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by striking therefrom the words

said sum having been adopted by the Senate on the passage of the original bill, but accidentally omitted by clerical error in the engrossment of the Senate amendments,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 195) creating the office of ensign in the Army of the Confederate States; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 146) to authorize the creditors of the Government to receive their dues in eight per cent Confederate bonds, and for other purposes; and

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 151) authorizing the issue of certain bonds of the Confederate States, and making the coupons attached to the same a legal tender in the payment of debts; and

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 208) to provide compensation for officers who may heretofore have performed staff duty under orders of their superior officers.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting:

That when any officer, noncommissioned officer, or private of any legally constituted military organization may have heretofore, by order of his proper superior officer, performed any staff duty appropriate to such command, he shall be entitled

to receive pay for the time he was so engaged in the discharge of such duties: *Provided*, That there was not then present, fit for duty, any officer duly appointed for the discharge of the same,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 194) to organize bodies for the capture and destruction of the enemy's property, by land or sea, and to authorize compensation for the same; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That it be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (H. R. 93) to organize a Treasury note bureau.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 194) to organize bodies for the capture and destruction of the enemy's property, by land or sea, and to authorize compensation for the same; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Confederate States of America:

The present state of the Confederacy, in my judgment, requires that I should invite your attention to a condition of things existing in the country which has already been productive of serious evil and which threatens still graver consequences unless an adequate remedy shall be speedily applied by the legislation of Congress. It has been our cherished hope, and hitherto justified by the generous self-devotion of our citizens, that when the great struggle in which we are engaged was passed, we might exhibit to the world the proud spectacle of a people unanimous in the assertion and defense of their rights, and achieving their liberty and independence, after the bloodiest war of modern times, without the necessity of a single sacrifice of civil right to military necessity. But it can no longer be doubted that the zeal with which the people sprang to arms at the beginning of the contest has in some parts

of the Confederacy been impaired by the long continuance and magnitude of the struggle.

While brigade after brigade of our brave soldiers who have endured the trials of the camp and battlefield are testifying their spirit and patriotism by voluntary reenlistment for the war, discontent, disaffection, and disloyalty are manifested among those who, through the sacrifices of others, have enjoyed quiet and safety at home. Public meetings have been held, in some of which a treasonable design is masked by a pretense of devotion to State sovereignty, and in others is openly avowed. Conventions are advocated with the pretended object of redressing grievances, which, if they existed, could as well be remedied by ordinary legislative action, but with the real design of accomplishing treason under the form of law. To this end a strong suspicion is entertained that secret leagues and associations are being formed. In certain localities men of no mean position do not hesitate to avow their disloyalty and hostility to our cause, and their advocacy of peace on the terms of submission and the abolition of slavery. In districts overrun by the enemy or liable to their encroachments, citizens of well-known disloyalty are holding frequent communication with them, and furnishing valuable information to our injury, even to the frustration of important military movements. And yet must they, through too strict regard to the technicalities of the law, be permitted to go at large till they have perfected their treason by the commission of an overt act? After the commission of the act the evidence is often unattainable because within the enemy's lines. Again and again such persons have been arrested, and as often they have been discharged by the civil authorities, because the Government could not procure testimony from within the lines of the enemy. On one occasion, while a party of officers were laying a torpedo in James River, persons on shore were detected in communicating with the enemy, and were known to pilot them to a convenient post for observing the nature of the service in which the party were engaged. They were arrested, and were discharged on habeas corpus, because, although there was moral certainty of their guilt, it could not be proved by competent testimony. Twice the Government has received secret and confidential information of plots to release the prisoners confined in Richmond. The information was sufficiently definite to enable preventive measures to be adopted with success; but as it pointed out the guilty conspirators by strong suspicion only, and not by competent testimony, they could not be arrested, and are still at large, ready to plot again. A citizen possessing the means and opportunity of doing much injury to the service was arrested for disloyalty. He was twice examined before different commissioners. Upon each examination he avowed his hostility to our cause and his desire to join the enemy. Both commissioners considered that it would be dangerous to suffer him to go at large. Yet, upon the demand of the civil authorities, he had to be released for want of competent legal testimony.

The capital of the Government is the object of peculiar attention to the enemy. I have satisfactory reasons for believing that spies are continually coming and going in our midst. Information has been repeatedly received from friendly parties at the North that particular individuals then in Richmond were sent as spies by the enemy. Yet, however accurate and reliable such information might be, it was not competent testimony; and it was idle to arrest them, only to be discharged by the civil authorities. Important information of secret movements among the negroes, fomented by base white men, has been received from faithful servants, but no arrests of instigators could be made because there was no competent testimony. Apprehensions have more than once been entertained of a servile insurrection in Richmond. The Northern papers inform us that Butler is perfecting some deep-laid scheme to punish us for our refusal to hold intercourse with him. If, as is not improbable, his design should point to servile insurrection in Richmond, incendiarism, and the destruction of public works, so necessary to our defense, and so impossible to be replaced, how can we hope to fathom it and reach the guilty emissaries and contrivers but by incompetent negro testimony?

In some of the States civil process has been brought to bear with disastrous efficiency upon the Army. Every judge has power to issue the writ of habeas corpus, and if one manifests more facility in discharging petitioners than his associates, the application is made to him, however remote he may be. In one instance a general, on the eve of an important movement, when every man was needed, was embarrassed by the command of a judge, more than two hundred miles distant, to bring, if in his custody, or send, if in custody of another, before him on habeas corpus, some deserters who had been arrested and returned to his command. In another, the commandant of a camp of conscripts, who had a conscript in camp, was commanded to bring him before a judge, more than a hundred miles distant, although there was a judge competent to hear and determine the cause resident in the place where the writ was executed. He consulted eminent counsel and was advised that, from the

known opinions of the judge selected, the conscript would undoubtedly be released, and the officer was therefore advised to discharge him at once and return the facts informally; that such a return was not technically sufficient, but would be accepted, as accomplishing the purpose of the writ. He acted on the advice of his counsel, and was immediately summoned by the judge to show cause why he should not be attached for a contempt in making an insufficient return, and was compelled to leave his command at a time when his services were pressingly needed by the Government, and travel over a hundred miles, and a considerable distance away from any railroad, to purge himself of the technical contempt. These particular instances may serve to show the nature of the delays, difficulties, and embarrassments which are constantly occurring. And injurious as they are, they are but light and trivial in comparison with evils which are reasonably to be anticipated.

It is understood that questions are to be multiplied as to the constitutionality of the late act of Congress placing in the military service those who had furnished substitutes. If a single judge in any State should hold the act to be unconstitutional, it is easy to foresee that that State will either furnish no soldiers from this class, or furnish them only when too late for the pressing need of the country. Every application will be made to that particular judge, and he will discharge the petitioners in each. And although the officer may have the right of appeal, yet the delay will be tantamount in its consequences to a discharge. Indeed, this result is likely to ensue, though every judge in the Confederacy should hold the law to be perfectly constitutional and valid. A petition for a habeas corpus need not, and ordinarily does not, disclose the particular grounds upon which the petitioner claims his discharge. A general statement on oath that he is illegally restrained of his liberty is sufficient to induce and even to require the judge to issue the writ. In every case the enrollment will be followed by the writ, and every enrolling officer will be kept in continual motion to and from the judge until the embarrassment and delay will amount to the practical repeal of the law. Its provisions will add no more soldiers to the Army. But this is not all. We shall not be able to retain those already in service. Nothing has done so much to inspirit our brave soldiers as the determination evinced by Congress to send to their aid those who have thus far lived in ease at home, while they were enduring dangers, toils, and privations. When the hope of equal justice and of speedy reinforcement shall thus have failed, disappointment and despondency will displace the buoyant fortitude which animates them now. Desertion, already a frightful evil, will become the order of the day, and who will arrest the deserter when most of those at home are engaged with him in the common cause of setting the Government at defiance? Organized bands of deserters will patrol the country, burning, plundering, and robbing indiscriminately; and our armies, already too weak, must be still further depleted, at the most imminent crisis of our cause, to keep the peace and protect the lives and property of the citizens at home. Must these evils be endured? Must the independence for which we are contending, the safety of the defenseless families of the men who have fallen in battle and of those who still confront the invader, be put in peril for the sake of conformity to the technicalities of the law of treason?

Having thus presented some of the threatening evils which exist, it remains to suggest the remedy. And in my judgment that is only to be found in the suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus. It is a sharp remedy, but a necessary one. It is a remedy plainly contemplated by the Constitution. All the powers of the Government, extraordinary as well as ordinary, are a sacred trust, to be faithfully executed whenever the public exigency may require. Recognizing the general obligation, we can not escape from the duty in one case more than in another. And a suspension of this writ when demanded by the public safety is as much a duty as to levy taxes for the support of the Government. If the state of invasion declared by the Constitution to be a proper case for the exercise of this power does not exist in our country now, when can it ever be expected to arise? It is idle to appeal against it to the history of the old Union. That history contains no parallel case. England, whose reverence for this great writ of right is at least as strong as our own, and the stability of whose institutions is the admiration of the world, has repeatedly, within the last hundred years, resorted to this remedy when only threatened with invasion. It may occasion some clamor; but this will proceed chiefly from the men who have already too long been the active spirits of evil. Loyal citizens will not feel danger, and the disloyal must be made to fear it. The very existence of extraordinary powers often renders their exercise unnecessary. To temporize with disloyalty in the midst of war is but to quicken it to the growth of treason. I, therefore, respectfully recommend that the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus be suspended.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., February 3, 1864.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill and joint resolutions of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 108. An act to establish certain post routes therein named;

H. R. 25. Joint resolution of thanks to Lieutenant-General Longstreet and the officers and men of his command;

H. R. 26. Joint resolution of thanks to certain Florida troops;

H. R. 27. Joint resolution of thanks to the division commanded by Major-General Rodes.

H. R. 28. Joint resolution of thanks to Brig. Gen. S. D. Ramseur's brigade of North Carolina troops for tendering their services for the war.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Semmes submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That the vote on passing the bill (S. 195) creating the office of ensign in the Army of the Confederate States be reconsidered.

The bill (H. R. 108) to establish certain post routes therein named was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

The joint resolution (H. R. 25) of thanks to Lieutenant-General Longstreet and the officers and men of his command was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following joint resolutions were severally read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole:

H. R. 26. Joint resolution of thanks to certain Florida troops;

H. R. 27. Joint resolution of thanks to the division commanded by Major-General Rodes; and

H. R. 28. Joint resolution of thanks to Brig. Gen. S. D. Ramseur's brigade of North Carolina troops for tendering their services for the war.

And no amendment being proposed, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said resolutions were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Simms,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 182) to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the public defense.

Mr. Semmes, from the select committee to whom was recommitted the bill (H. R. 92) to tax, fund, and limit the currency, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill last mentioned; which was again read the second time and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On the question to agree to the first amendment reported from the select committee,

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the amendment by inserting at the end of the first section thereof the following proviso:

Provided, That all Treasury notes herein declared to be fundable, not bearing interest, in the hands of loyal citizens of any of the States now in the lines of the enemy, and which can not be funded, as herein provided, by the first of May and August, said holders shall have the privilege of funding said notes at any time within two months after the said States or parts of States shall be relieved from the enemy: *Provided further,* That after the first of May and the first of August as aforesaid, said notes shall not be receivable in the payment of public dues, or exchangeable for new notes, except as provided in this act,

It was determined in the negative.

The first reported amendment was then agreed to.

The residue of the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The title was amended to read: "An act to provide for the issue of exchequer notes, and for funding all Treasury notes now outstanding."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the message of the President of yesterday, recommending to Congress the suspension of the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus, reported

A bill (S. 216) to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases, and for a limited period, throughout the Confederate States;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

An amendment being proposed by Mr. Clark,

On motion by Mr. Henry, that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report a bill providing for a general suspension of the writ of habeas corpus within the Confederate States,

After debate,

Mr. Burnett demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being then put on the motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 6
Nays 17

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Clay, Henry, Phelan, Simms, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Clark, Dortch, Haynes, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Reade, Semmes, and Sparrow.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to and made the special order for Saturday next at 1 o'clock, and that the bill and the amendment proposed by Mr. Clark be printed.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That 150 copies of the bill (H. R. 92) to tax, fund, and limit the currency, as amended and passed by the Senate to-day, be printed.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by Mr. Johnson of Georgia on the 8th ultimo, to reconsider the vote on refusing to confirm Joseph Wheeler as major-general.

After debate,

On the question,

Will the Senate reconsider the vote?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 11
Nays 10

On motion by Mr. Wigfall,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Phelan, Semmes, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Clark, Clay, Haynes, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Orr, Simms, and Wigfall.

So the vote was reconsidered.

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of Joseph Wheeler as major-general?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 12
Nays 9

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Phelan, Reade, Semmes, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Clark, Haynes, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, Orr, Simms, and Wigfall.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of Joseph Wheeler as major-general, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of John B. Hood, to be lieutenant-general; J. J. Bradford and W. W. Blackford, to be majors; C. I. Harvie, W. L. London, C. A. Withers, A. H. Harris, Warwick Hough, and Thomas Boyd Edelin, to be assistant adjutants-general, with the rank of captain, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, February 4, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 36.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

Richmond, February 2, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

COMMANDANTS OF CAMPS OF INSTRUCTION.

Majors.

Frank J. Hahr, of North Carolina, to take rank from December 14, 1863.

Edward McCrady, jr., of Florida, to take rank from January 4, 1864.

Thomas J. Hudson, of Mississippi, to take rank from December 30, 1863.

Richard Richardson, of Mississippi, to take rank from January 19, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,

Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,

President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 4, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate J. F. Scott, of Tennessee, to be surgeon in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 2, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of J. F. Scott, of Tennessee, to be surgeon in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to rank from May 1, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,

Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,

President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 4, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 35.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 2, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ARTILLERY OFFICERS, FOR ORDNANCE DUTY, UNDER ACT APPROVED SEPTEMBER 16, 1862.

Captains.

P. C. Venable, of Virginia, report to Chief of Ordnance for assignment to duty, to rank from January 25, 1864.

H. P. Cochran, of Virginia, report to Chief of Ordnance for assignment to duty, to rank from January 27, 1864.

Second lieutenants.

Thomas G. Barrett, of Georgia, for duty as ordnance officer to J. K. Jackson's brigade, Army of Tennessee, to rank from January 23, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 4, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 38.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 2, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

OFFICERS OF ARTILLERY, UNDER ACT APPROVED JANUARY 22, 1862.

Majors

O. J. Semmes, of Louisiana, to take rank from November 7, 1863.

William E. Earle, of South Carolina, to take rank from December 9, 1863.

Henry C. Semple, of Alabama, to take rank from January 19, 1864.

C. W. Squires, of Louisiana, to take rank from January 25, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Jemison presented the memorial of certain officers, noncommissioned officers, and privates of Battle's brigade, praying the privilege of reorganization and reelection of officers, without consolidating regiments and companies or in any way destroying the identity of the same; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 107) to increase the efficiency of the Army by the employment of free negroes and slaves in certain capacities, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 211) to place free persons of color in the military service of the Confederate States.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 217) to amend the several acts in regard to military courts, and to create courts for divisions of cavalry; which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 218) to amend the act entitled "An act to provide and organize engineer troops to serve during the war," approved 20th March, 1863;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 109. An act to increase the compensation of certain officers of the Treasury;

H. R. 111. An act for the relief of Livingston Mims; and

H. R. 112. An act to authorize the President to establish additional military courts.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 90) to make additional appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1864; and

The amendments reported from the Committee on Finance were agreed to.

On motion by Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to amend the bill by inserting after line 294, page 9, the following:

For loss of slaves which have been impressed by the Confederate authorities and while engaged in laboring on the public defenses have escaped to the enemy or died, or contracted diseases which have, after their discharge, resulted fatally, three million one hundred and eight thousand dollars,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

H. R. 79. An act to prohibit dealing in the paper currency of the enemy;

H. R. 94. An act to provide for wounded and disabled officers, soldiers, and seamen an asylum, to be called "The Veteran Soldiers' Home;"

H. R. 99. An act to authorize commanders of corps and departments to detail field officers as members of military courts under certain circumstances;

H. R. 8. Joint resolution of thanks to Col. Thomas G. Lamar and the officers and men engaged in the defense of Secessionville;

H. R. 19. Joint resolution of thanks to Captain Odlum, Lieutenant Dowling, and the men under their command;

H. R. 23. Joint resolution of thanks to General Beauregard and the officers and men of his command for their defense of Charleston, S. C.; and

H. R. 24. Joint resolution of thanks to the Alabama troops who have reenlisted for the war.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Phelan (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 219) for the relief of persons who have been assessed, or who have paid the tax levied upon cotton subsequently destroyed by the Government; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Phelan (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 220) to expedite the payment of the claims of deceased soldiers;

which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The bills this day communicated from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times.

Ordered, That the bill numbered 109 be referred to the Committee on Finance; that the bill numbered 111 be referred to the Committee on Claims, and that the bill numbered 112 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Clay, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 210) to aid any State in communicating with and perfecting records concerning its troops, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and the reported amendment having

been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia,

That the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 104) amendatory of an act entitled "An act to put an end to the exemption from military service of those who have heretofore furnished substitutes," approved January 5, 1864.

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas----- 14
Nays----- 8

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Dortch, Haynes, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Reade, and Semmes.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Clark, Clay, Henry, Phelan, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

So the Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of said bill; and

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to and made the special order for Tuesday next at 1 o'clock, and that it be printed.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 192) to regulate the allowance of traveling expenses of officers of the Navy and others traveling under orders; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 170) to provide for the auditing and payment of certain claims in the State of Mississippi; and the reported amendments having been agreed to,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 209) to establish a bureau of foreign supplies.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting after "act," section 12, line 3, the words "the bond to be approved by the chief officer of said agency west of the Mississippi River,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Clay, it was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 197) to redeem outstanding Treasury notes and discharge the public debt, and thereby restore the public credit; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 100) to continue in the service, for the war, all the troops now in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: Strike out of the first section of the bill the words

That all troops now in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States for general service be, and the same are hereby, continued in such service for and during the existing war with the United States: *Provided*, That State troops, which have been temporarily called out and placed under the authority of the Confederate Government, shall be exempted from the operation of this act,

and inserting in lieu thereof the words

That from and after the passage of this act, all white men, residents of the Confederate States, between the ages of eighteen and fifty-five, shall be in the military service of the Confederate States for the war, including those who may hereafter reach the age of eighteen years: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize the discharge of enlisted men who shall hereafter reach the age of forty-five years, or over, from service in the field,

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the amendment by striking out, in the third line, the word "fifty-five" and inserting "fifty,"

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

Ordered, That the bill and amendments lie upon the table.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of L. S. Ross, D. C. Govan, J. O. Shelby, to be brigadier-generals; J. J. Hedrick, to be colonel; B. W. Frobel, V. Sheliha, J. W. Bondurant, J. Floyd King, James R. Branch, Stephen Elliott, to be lieutenant-colonels; E. F. Gray, Edward Manigault, T. R. Hotchkiss, J. R. B. Burtwell, William Miller Owen, J. D. Myrick, John W. Johnston, Robert Martin, L. T. Wofford, J. C. Coit, W. H. Ketchum, H. M. Mathews, to be majors of artillery; John B. Davis, James Z. George, to be colonels; J. A. Barksdale, to be lieutenant-colonel; William G. Henderson, J. F. Love, to be majors; C. S. Fleming, to be captain; L. L. Albright, A. G. Cudworth, C. V. Smith, Franklin C. Ross, E. T. Tayloe, B. E. Gould, J. C. Davant, John A. Caldwell, F. M. Anderson, W. B. Couchman, Erwin A. Roach, E. H. Reid, to be second lieutenants; C. W. Anderson, Upton M. Young, Charles T. Furlow, J. M. Middleton, R. M. Harwell, E. H. McDaniel, to be aids-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenant; John B. Moore,

D. M. Layton, J. N. Shorter, Thomas G. Pond, J. W. Laird, John S. Bryan, John W. Faison, to be adjutants, with the rank of first lieutenant, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

The Hon. Charles B. Mitchel, from the State of Arkansas, attended. Mr. Hill (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 29) of thanks to the troops reenlisting for the war from the State of Georgia; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution of the Senate (S. 22) for the benefit of Zedekiah McDaniel, of Kentucky, and Francis M. Ewing, of Mississippi, with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed, without amendment, Senate bills of the following titles:

S. 191. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to establish a volunteer navy," approved April 18, 1863;

S. 208. An act to provide compensation for officers who may heretofore have performed staff duty under orders of their superior officers; and

S. 215. An act to amend an act to authorize the appointment of an agent of the Treasury Department west of the Mississippi, approved January 27, 1864.

And they have passed joint resolutions of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 29. Joint resolution for the relief of Maj. Henry R. Hooper; and

H. R. 30. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of McClung's battery.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of certain officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates of Battle's brigade, praying the privilege of reorganization and reelection of officers, without consolidating regiments and companies or in any way destroying the identity of the same.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 102) to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field,

and to define the powers of said courts," reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Johnson of Missouri, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Leach & Avery, reported

A bill (S. 221) for their relief;

which was read the first and second times and ordered to be printed.

The joint resolution (H. R. 29) for the relief of Maj. Henry R. Hooper was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Claims.

The joint resolution (H. R. 30) of thanks to the officers and men of McClung's battery was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the joint resolution (S. 22) for the benefit of Zedekiah McDaniel, of Kentucky, and Francis M. Ewing, of Mississippi; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 3d instant, approved and signed the following act and joint resolution:

S. 144. An act to change the time for the assembling of Congress for its next regular session; and

S. 25. Joint resolution of thanks to the Tennessee troops who have reenlisted for the war.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 96) to authorize the issue of certificates for interest on the fifteen million loan; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 170) to provide for the auditing and payment of certain claims in the State of Mississippi.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the bill by striking out "July," section 5, line 4, and inserting "January,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Missouri, to amend the bill by inserting after "State," section 1, line 3, "who shall be persons over the age of forty-five years,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Clark, to amend the bill by inserting, at the end of the first section, the following proviso:

Provided, That the commissioners appointed for the State of Missouri may assemble, and perform their duties under this act, in the State of Arkansas,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, to amend the bill by inserting after "State," section 1, line 3, "where deemed necessary,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

That the Senate resolve into secret legislative session,

It was determined in the negative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

On the question,

Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?

After debate,

Mr. Clark demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being then put on the engrossment and third reading of the bill,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	5
	{ Nays	16

On motion by Mr. Clark,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Clark, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, and Phelan.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Oldham, Orr, Reade, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

So the bill was rejected.

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled joint resolutions of the following titles:

S. 27. Joint resolution of thanks to North Carolina troops;

S. 28. Joint resolution of thanks to the troops from the State of Louisiana in the Army of Tennessee;

H. R. 26. Joint resolution of thanks to certain Florida troops;

H. R. 27. Joint resolution of thanks to the division commanded by Major-General Rodas; and

H. R. 28. Joint resolution of thanks to Brig. Gen. S. D. Ramseur's brigade of North Carolina troops for tendering their services for the war.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled joint resolutions last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,
Ordered, That on and after Monday next the daily hour of meeting of the Senate shall be 11 o'clock, until otherwise ordered.
On motion by Mr. Sparrow,
The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And they have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 110. An act to authorize the shipment of cotton and tobacco by the Treasury Department; and

H. R. 113. An act to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The bill (H. R. 110) to authorize the shipment of cotton and tobacco by the Treasury Department was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The bill (H. R. 113) to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, that it be transferred to the Open Legislative Calendar,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Clark, to amend the bill by inserting after "Department," section 1, line 8, "by the authority and under the control of the President."

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by striking out "shall be," section 1, line 4, and inserting "be, and the same is hereby,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to and made the special order for Monday next at 12 o'clock, and that it be printed.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 169. An act to repeal an act entitled "An act supplementary to an act to provide for the funding and further issue of Treasury notes," approved 30th April, 1863.

S. 182. An act to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the public defense; and

S. 183. An act to prohibit the importation of luxuries, or of articles not necessities or of common use.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,
Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Caperton,
 The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, February 4, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate D. A. Outlaw, of Tennessee, to be captain, under the act approved October 11, 1862, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, January 30, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of D. A. Outlaw, of Tennessee, to be captain, under the act to raise an additional military force, approved October 11, 1862, to take rank from date of confirmation.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

RICHMOND, February 5, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 3, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

Lieut. Col. William Terry, of Virginia, to be colonel Fourth Virginia Regiment, vice Col. C. A. Ronald, resigned, to rank from September 11, 1863.

Lieut. Col. H. C. Pate, of Virginia, to be colonel Fifth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Col. T. L. Rosser, promoted, to rank from September 28, 1863.

Lieut. Col. William W. Ward, of Tennessee, to be colonel Ninth Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, vice Col. J. D. Bennett, deceased, to rank from December 23, 1862.

Lieut. Col. Abraham Fulkerson, of Tennessee, to be colonel Sixty-third Tennessee Regiment, vice Col. R. G. Fain, resigned, to rank from November 9, 1863.

Lieut. Col. W. J. Winn, of Georgia, to be colonel Twenty-fifth Georgia Regiment, vice Col. C. C. Wilson, promoted, to rank from November 16, 1863.

Lieut. Col. R. M. Saffell, of Tennessee, to be colonel Twenty-sixth Tennessee Regiment, vice Col. J. L. Bottles, deceased, to rank from October 26, 1863.

Lieut. Col. A. R. Lankford, of Alabama, to be colonel Thirty-eighth Alabama Regiment, vice Colonel Ketchum, resigned, to rank from November 13, 1863.

Lieut. Col. G. F. Baucum, of Arkansas, to be colonel Eighth Arkansas Regiment, vice Col. J. H. Kelly, promoted, to rank from November 16, 1863.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. C. M. Andrews, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Nineteenth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. W. G. Robinson, promoted, to rank from July 23, 1863.

Maj. R. A. Alston, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Ninth Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. William W. Ward, promoted, to rank from December 23, 1862.

Maj. John A. Aiken, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixty-third Tennessee Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Fulkerson, promoted, to rank from November 9, 1863.

Maj. James T. Weaver, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixtieth North Carolina Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. James M. Ray, resigned, to rank from December 23, 1863.

Maj. M. R. Hall, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-eighth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Carswell, resigned, to rank from December 18, 1863.

Maj. John F. Smith, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Eighth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieut. Col. A. McNeill, killed, to rank from September 20, 1863.

Maj. F. A. Ashford, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixteenth Alabama Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel McGaughy, deceased, to rank from October 7, 1863.

Maj. W. W. Wood, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fourteenth Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel White, promoted, to rank from October 28, 1863.

Maj. A. Watkins, of Arkansas, to be lieutenant-colonel Eighth Arkansas Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Baucum, promoted, to rank from November 16, 1863.

Majors.

Capt. C. M. Andrews, of North Carolina, to be major Nineteenth North Carolina Regiment, vice Maj. J. W. Woodfin, resigned, to rank from September 6, 1862.

Capt. Richard McCann, of Tennessee, to be major Ninth Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, vice Major Alston, promoted, to rank from December 23, 1862.

Capt. W. H. Fulkerson, of Tennessee, to be major Sixty-third Tennessee Regiment, vice Maj. J. A. Aiken, promoted, to rank from November 9, 1863.

Capt. Alf. A. Singeltary, of Louisiana, to be major Ninth Louisiana Regiment, vice Maj. J. J. Hodges, promoted, to rank from October 8, 1863.

Capt. James A. Long, of Tennessee, to be major Eleventh Tennessee Regiment, vice Major Thedford, promoted, to rank from December 14, 1863.

Capt. H. B. Turner, of Alabama, to be major Twenty-ninth Alabama Regiment, vice Major Morris, promoted, to rank from December 9, 1862.

Capt. W. Watkins, of Mississippi, to be major Eighth Mississippi Regiment, vice Maj. J. F. Smith, promoted, to rank from September 20, 1863.

Capt. J. C. Hutto, of Alabama, to be major Fiftieth Alabama Regiment, vice Major Gilbert, resigned, to rank from October 14, 1863.

Capt. W. H. Wylly, of Georgia, to be major Twenty-fifth Georgia Regiment, vice Major Winn, promoted, to rank from September 26, 1863.

Capt. W. W. Billopp, of Georgia, to be major Twenty-ninth Georgia Regiment, vice Maj. J. C. Lamb, killed, to rank from July 13, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 4, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Daniel M. Shriver, of Virginia, to be colonel, under act approved October 11, 1862, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of Daniel M. Shriver, to be colonel; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

RICHMOND, VA., *February 5, 1864.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Attorney-General, I hereby nominate Robert Bowman, to be district attorney for the district of Mississippi.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
Richmond, February 3, 1864.

To the PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the appointment of Robert Bowman as Confederate States district attorney for the district of Mississippi in place of Carnot Posey, deceased.

Your obedient servant,

GEO. DAVIS,
Attorney-General.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 6, 1864.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate J. V. Gallimard, of Louisiana, to be captain of engineers, to command company of sappers and bombardiers authorized by act of Congress approved May 17, 1861.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February —, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of J. V. Gallimard, of Louisiana, to be captain, Corps of Engineers, Confederate States Army, to command company of sappers and bombardiers authorized by act of Congress approved May 17, 1861, to rank May 17, 1861.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency the PRESIDENT.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.RICHMOND, VA., *February 3, 1864.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

In response to your resolution of the 15th ultimo, I herewith transmit for your information, in executive session, a communication from the Secretary of War relative to the general officers appointed under the act approved October 13, 1862.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 6, 1864.**To the Senate of the Confederate States:*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February —, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Army of the Confederate States of America:

Corps of Artillery.

W. T. Welcker, of Tennessee, to be captain, to rank from May 3, 1863.

Corps of Cavalry.

Frank A. Reynolds, of North Carolina, to be second lieutenant, to rank from August 8, 1863.

John H. Denys, of Texas, to be second lieutenant, to rank from September 23, 1863.

Infantry.

Thomas Boyd Edelin, of Maryland, to be first lieutenant, to rank from May 23, 1863.

J. D. McFarland, of Texas, to be first lieutenant, to rank from June 2, 1863.

William T. Blackistone, of Maryland, to be second lieutenant, to rank from August 18, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency the PRESIDENT.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: I am directed by the House of Representatives to communicate to the Senate information of the death of the Hon. John A. Wilcox, late a Representative in Congress from the State of Texas, and the proceedings of the House thereon.

Mr. Wigfall submitted the following resolutions; which were considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Senate receives with sincere regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable John A. Wilcox, late a member of the House of Representatives from the State of Texas, and tenders to the relatives of the deceased the assurance of their sympathy with them under the afflictive bereavement they have been called to sustain.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to transmit to the family of the deceased a certified copy of the foregoing resolution.

Resolved (as a mark of respect for the memory of the deceased), That the Senate do now adjourn.

Whereupon,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 222) relating to the appointment of a general and lieutenant-generals; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 3d instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 97) to authorize the President to assign judges of military courts from one court to another.

The House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution (H. R. 31) of thanks to the Tenth Mississippi Regiment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the President pro tempore appoint a member on the Committee on Finance to fill the vacancy occasioned by the retirement of the Hon. George Davis; and

Mr. Reade was appointed.

Mr. Semmes presented the memorial of noncommissioned officers and privates detailed as clerks in the Executive Departments at Richmond, praying the passage of a law extending to them the benefits of the act to increase the compensation of certain civil officers and employees in the President's office and in the executive and legislative departments in Richmond for a limited period; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Orr presented the memorial of the ladies employed in the Treasury note division at Columbia, S. C., praying for an increase of their salaries; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the following bills:

S. 205. A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to punish drunkenness in the Army," approved April 21, 1862;

S. 212. A bill to amend the acts of April 1, 1862, and September 23, 1862; and

S. 214. A bill to repeal an act entitled "An act to authorize the President to confer temporary rank and command, for service with volunteer troops, on officers of the Confederate Army," approved May 21, 1861;

reported them severally, without amendment.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 106) to allow commissioned officers of the Army rations and the privilege of purchasing clothing from the Quartermaster's Department, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 112) to authorize the President to establish additional military courts, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A joint resolution (H. R. 22) of thanks to Maj. Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne and the officers and men under his command for distinguished services at Ringgold Gap, in the State of Georgia, November 27, 1863.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The joint resolution (H. R. 31) of thanks to the Tenth Mississippi Regiment was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 150) to limit and define the term of office of the Secretary or principal officer of each of the Executive Departments,

established by the several acts entitled "An act to organize the Department of State," "An act to establish the Treasury Department," "An act to establish the War Department," "An act to establish the Navy Department," "An act to establish the Post-Office Department," "An act to organize and establish an executive department, to be known as the Department of Justice," all of which acts were approved February 21, 1861; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Dortch,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 6th instant, approved and signed the following joint resolutions:

S. 27. Joint resolution of thanks to North Carolina troops; and

S. 28. Joint resolution of thanks to the troops from the State of Louisiana in the Army of Tennessee.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives agree to the second, third, and sixth amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 75) to amend an act to regulate impressments, approved March 26, 1863, and to repeal an act amendatory thereof, approved April 27, 1863, and disagree to the first, fourth, and fifth amendments of the Senate to the said bill.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That the Senate take a daily recess from half past 3 to 7 o'clock p. m., for the residue of the session, commencing to-morrow.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., February 8, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering a copy of the report by Gen. John S. Williams "of the operations of the forces under his command at Blue Springs, Henderson, and Rheatown, Tenn."

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 3d instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 93) to organize a Treasury note bureau.

The House of Representatives have passed a joint resolution (H. R. 32) in reference to the exchange of prisoners; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The joint resolution (H. R. 32) last mentioned was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 6th instant, approved and signed the following acts:

S. 169. An act to repeal an act entitled "An act supplementary to an act to provide for the funding and further issue of Treasury notes," approved April 30, 1863;

S. 182. An act to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the public defense; and

S. 183. An act to prohibit the importation of luxuries, or of articles not necessities or of common use.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war, reported them without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill last mentioned; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Resolved, That the Senate disagree to the amendments of the House of Representatives to said bill, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Sparrow, Mr. Wigfall, and Mr. Johnson of Georgia were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the following bills:

H. R. 93. An act to organize a Treasury note bureau;

S. 182. An act to impose regulations upon the foreign commerce of the Confederate States to provide for the public defense;

S. 183. An act to prohibit the importation of luxuries, or of articles not necessities or of common use; and

S. 209. An act to establish a bureau of foreign supplies.

Mr. Clay, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 110) to authorize the shipment of cotton and tobacco by the Treasury Department, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Orr, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 101) making additional appropriation of secret service money, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Orr (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 223) to make exchequer notes a legal tender in payment of debts;
which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 113) to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, to amend the bill by striking out, in the tenth, eleventh, twelfth, and thirteenth lines of the first section, the words

by the restraint of persons, even when the proof is not complete, and when the ordinary process of law is insufficient for the public safety,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, to amend the bill by inserting after "safety," section 1, line 10, "by suspending the writ of habeas corpus,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the bill by striking out of the first section the following words:

It is hereby declared that the purpose of Congress in the passage of this act is to provide more effectually for the public safety by suspending the writ of habeas corpus in the following cases, and no other:

I. Of treason, misprision of treason, and insurrection.

II. Of conspiracies to overthrow the Government, or resist the lawful authority of the Confederate States.

III. Of conspiracies, preparations and attempts to incite servile insurrection.

IV. Of desertions, of harboring deserters, and of attempts to avoid military service.

V. Of spies and other emissaries of the enemy.

VI. Of holding correspondence or intercourse with the enemy, without necessity, and without the permission of the Confederate States.

VII. Of unlawful trading with the enemy, and other offenses against the laws of the Confederate States, enacted to promote their success in the war.

VIII. Of conspiracies, attempts to liberate prisoners of war held by the Confederate States.

IX. Of conspiracies, attempts and preparations to aid the enemy.

X. Of persons advising or inciting others to resist the Confederate States, or to adhere to the enemy,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas -----	9
{ Nays -----	15

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Clark, Clay, Dortch, Henry, Hill, Phelan, Simms, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Caperton, Haynes, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Mitchel, Orr, Reade, Semmes, and Sparrow.

On motion by Mr. Dortch, to amend the bill by striking out the words "Of treason, misprision of treason, and insurrection," section 1, line 14, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Of treason, or treasonable efforts or combinations to subvert the Government of the Confederate States,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by striking out of the first section the words

Of treason, or treasonable efforts or combinations to subvert the Government of the Confederate States.

Of conspiracies to overthrow the Government, or resist the lawful authority of the Confederate States,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, to amend the bill by inserting after "or," section 1, line 15, "conspiracies to,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, to amend the bill by striking out, section 1, lines 15 and 16,

Of conspiracies to overthrow the Government, or conspiracies to resist the lawful authority of the Confederate States,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ----- 8
Nays ----- 14

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Haynes, Hill, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Oldham, Orr, and Reade.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Clay, Dortch, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Dortch, to amend the bill by inserting after line 16, section 1, the following clause:

III. Of combining to assist the enemy, or of communicating intelligence to the enemy, or giving him aid and comfort,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, to amend the bill by inserting after "service," section 1, line 20, "by any other than lawful means,"

After debate,

Mr. Haynes demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being then put on agreeing to the amendment proposed by Mr. Johnson of Georgia,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ----- 14
Nays ----- 7

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Dortch, Haynes, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Reade, and Semmes.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Clark, Clay, Henry, Johnson of Arkansas, Phelan, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, that the last-mentioned vote be reconsidered,

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 8, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 37.]

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 2, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ENGINEER CORPS.

Captains.

George M. Helm, of Kentucky, report to Chief of Engineers for assignment to duty, to rank from January 22, 1864.

Abner S. Gaines, of Tennessee, report to Chief of Engineers for assignment to duty, to rank from January 22, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 8, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Brig. Gen. Charles W. Field, of Kentucky, to be major-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to rank from date of confirmation.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 6, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Brig. Gen. Charles W. Field, of Kentucky, to be major-general in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to rank from date of confirmation.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 8, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 40.]

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 5, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Brigadier-general.

N. H. Harris, of Mississippi, to take rank from January 20, 1864.

Aids-de-camp—first lieutenants.

James B. White, of Alabama, to take rank from January 7, 1864.
 E. H. McDaniel, of Mississippi, to take rank from January 10, 1864.
 Edward Q. Thornton, of Alabama, to take rank from January 14, 1864.
 William B. Jackson, of Georgia, to take rank from January 1, 1864.
 Joel W. Flood, of Virginia, to take rank from January 30, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I hereby nominate the persons named upon the annexed list to the offices designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., February 8, 1864.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 8, 1864.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Navy, under act of Provisional Congress No. 331, approved December 24, 1861:

Assistant surgeons for the war.

Nathaniel K. Henderson, of Florida; James W. Belvin, of Arkansas; William T. Williams, of North Carolina; Watkins L. Warren, of North Carolina, and Robert Kuykendall, of South Carolina.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MAILLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 8, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 41.]

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 5, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS-GENERAL.

Captains.

B. A. Terrett, of Louisiana, to take rank from November 16, 1863.
 B. D. Turner, of Arkansas, to take rank from October 2, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 8, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 8, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Army of the Confederate States of America:

Cadet George W. Clayton, of North Carolina, to be second lieutenant, Corps of Artillery, to rank from June 19, 1863.

Cadet W. A. Obenchain, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant, Corps of Artillery, to rank from August 28, 1863.

Cadet R. M. Nelson, of North Carolina, to be second lieutenant, Corps of Artillery, to rank from October 24, 1863.

Cadet W. Q. Hullihen, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant, Corps of Cavalry, to rank from December 10, 1863.

Cadet Anderson Watkins, of Arkansas, to be second lieutenant of infantry, to rank from May 18, 1863.

Cadet L. M. Gamble, of Florida, to be second lieutenant of infantry, to rank from September 30, 1863.

Cadet E. T. Freeman, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant of infantry, to rank from November 8, 1863.

Cadet R. T. Beauregard, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant of infantry, to rank from November 13, 1863.

Cadet R. F. Dancy, of Florida, to be second lieutenant of infantry, to rank from December 18, 1863.

Cadet R. S. Kinney, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant of infantry, to rank from November 23, 1863.

Cadet A. R. Boteler, jr., of Kentucky, to be second lieutenant of infantry, to rank from January 14, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency the PRESIDENT.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 8, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 39.]

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 5, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonel.

W. P. White, of Georgia, to be colonel Seventh Georgia Cavalry Regiment (formed by the consolidation of battalions), to rank from January 24, 1864.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. Robert White, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-first Virginia Battalion (this battalion being increased to over six companies), to rank from December 9, 1863.

J. L. McAllister, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Seventh Georgia Cavalry Regiment (formed by the consolidation of battalions), to rank from January 24, 1864.

Majors.

R. B. Snodgrass, of Alabama, to be major Twenty-fourth Alabama Battalion (formed of independent companies), to rank from December 16, 1863.

J. W. McGee, of Georgia, to be major Seventeenth Georgia Battalion State Troops, to rank from December 23, 1863.

T. B. Howard, of Georgia, to be major Twenty-seventh Georgia Battalion (raised by authority), to rank from December 18, 1863.

Captain.

W. W. Page, of Virginia, to be captain company of cavalry scouts stationed at Camp Lee, to rank from January 26, 1864.

First lieutenant.

R. Temple, of Virginia, to be first lieutenant company of cavalry scouts stationed at Camp Lee, to rank from January 26, 1864.

Second lieutenants.

T. J. McKaig, of Maryland, to be second lieutenant company of cavalry scouts stationed at Camp Lee, to rank from January 26, 1864.

J. W. Jackson, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant company of cavalry scouts stationed at Camp Lee, to rank from January 26, 1864.

J. B. Downing, of Mississippi, to be second lieutenant Company C, Ninth Mississippi Battalion Sharpshooters, vice Lieutenant Fitzgerald, promoted, to rank from January 25, 1864.

George W. Morris, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company F, Thirtieth Virginia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from January 25, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I hereby nominate the persons named upon the annexed list to the office designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., February 8, 1864.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 5, 1864.

The PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Marine Corps:

Second lieutenants.

Lloyd B. Stephenson, of Virginia, vice Second Lieut. D. G. Raney, promoted.

Ruffin Thomson, of Mississippi, vice Second Lieut. J. R. Y. Fendall, promoted.

Thomas St. George Pratt, of Maryland, vice Second Lieut. T. P. Gwynn, promoted.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

RICHMOND, February 8, 1864.

To the Senate:

I have the honor to request that you will return to me my message nominating R. V. Richardson, to be brigadier-general.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That the nomination of R. V. Richardson, to be brigadier-general, be returned to the President.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the nomination of Robert Bowman, to be district attorney for the district of Mississippi, reported, with a recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 6th instant he approved and signed the following acts and joint resolutions:

H. R. 79. An act to prohibit dealing in the paper currency of the enemy;

H. R. 99. An act to authorize commanders of corps and departments to detail field officers as members of military courts under certain circumstances;

H. R. 24. Joint resolution of thanks to the Alabama troops who have reenlisted for the war;

H. R. 26. Joint resolution of thanks to certain Florida troops;

H. R. 27. Joint resolution of thanks to the division commanded by Major-General Rodes; and

H. R. 28. Joint resolution of thanks to Brig. Gen. S. D. Ramseur's brigade of North Carolina troops for tendering their services for the war.

That on the 8th instant he approved and signed the following joint resolutions:

H. R. 8. Joint resolution of thanks to Col. Thomas G. Lamar and the officers and men engaged in the defense of Secessionville;

H. R. 19. Joint resolution of thanks to Captain Odlum, Lieutenant Dowling, and the men under their command; and

H. R. 23. Joint resolution of thanks to General Beauregard and the officers and men of his command for their defense of Charleston, S. C.

And that on the 9th instant he approved and signed a joint resolution (H. R. 22) of thanks to Maj. Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne and the officers and men under his command for distinguished services at Ringgold Gap, in the State of Georgia, November 27, 1863.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 109) to increase the compensation of certain officers of the Treasury, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 95) for the relief of taxpayers in certain cases, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 224) to promote the efficiency of the cavalry of the Provisional Army, and to punish lawlessness and irregularities of any portion thereof;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Clark, that it be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Caperton, to amend the bill by inserting after "rangers," section 3, line 4, "serving as cavalry,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas - - - - -	16
	{ Nays - - - - -	2

On motion by Mr. Clark,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Clay, Dortch, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Mitchel, Reade, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Clark and Oldham.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the following memorials:

Memorial of Robert Y. Jones, praying compensation for taking the census, in 1860, in Abbeville district, South Carolina; and

Memorial of Julius P. Wright, praying compensation for taking the census, in 1860, in Edgeville district, South Carolina.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (S. 159) to authorize the appointment of an agent of the Post-Office Department, and such clerks as may be necessary, to carry on the postal service in the States west of the Mississippi River.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of

the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate proceeded to consider their first, fourth, and fifth amendments to the bill (H. R. 75) to amend an act to regulate impressments, approved March 26, 1863, and to repeal an act amendatory thereof, approved April 27, 1863, disagreed to by the House of Representatives; and

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on said bill.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Hill, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Jemison were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill and joint resolution of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 114. An act to provide for increasing the price of the rations for sick and wounded soldiers in hospitals; and

H. R. 33. Joint resolution to declare the meaning of an act allowing hospital accommodations to sick and wounded officers.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and an enrolled joint resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Oldham (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 225) to amend an act entitled "An act to change the time for the assembling of Congress for its next regular session," approved February 6, 1864;

which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar.

The following bill and joint resolution received this day from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times:

H. R. 114. An act to provide for increasing the price of the rations for sick and wounded soldiers in hospitals; and

H. R. 33. Joint resolution to declare the meaning of an act allowing hospital accommodations to sick and wounded officers; and

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the President pro tempore appoint a member on the Committee on Finance to serve during the absence of the Hon. Robert W. Barnwell; and

Mr. Jemison was appointed.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 194) to organize bodies for the capture and destruction of the enemy's property, by land or sea, and to authorize compensation for the same, with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 194) last mentioned; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 32) in reference to the exchange of prisoners, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 24) in relation to the exchange of prisoners, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution last mentioned; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes, that the resolution lie upon the table,

It was determined in the negative, {	Yeas.....	11
	Nays	11

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Caperton, Dortch, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Mitchel, Phelan, Reade, and Semmes.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Burnett, Clark, Clay, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, that the further consideration of the resolution be postponed until to-morrow,

It was determined in the negative.

The reported amendments having been agreed to, the resolution was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the resolution be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 32) in reference to the exchange of prisoners; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed indefinitely.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 113) to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, to reconsider the vote on agreeing to the following amendment, viz: After "service," section 1, line 20, insert "by any other than lawful means,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said amendment; and
On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ----- 11
Nays ----- 11

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Dortch, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson
of Georgia, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, and Reade.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Clark, Clay, Henry, Johnson of Arkansas,
Johnson of Missouri, Phelan, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Mr. Mitchel was, on his motion, excused from voting.

On motion by Mr. Caperton, to amend the bill by inserting after
"desertions," section 1, line 19, "or encouraging desertions,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Caperton, to amend the bill by striking out the
words "and of attempts to avoid military service," section 1, lines 19
and 20,

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, to amend the words pro-
posed to be stricken out by adding thereto the following proviso, viz:

Provided, That in cases of palpable wrong and oppression by any subordinate officer
upon any party who does not legally owe military service, his superior officer shall
grant prompt relief to the oppressed party, and the subordinate shall be dismissed
from office,

A question was raised by Mr. Oldham whether the amendment was
in order.

Whereupon,

The President pro tempore, under the sixth rule of the Senate, took
the sense of the Senate thereon; and

On the question,

Is the amendment in order?

It was determined in the affirmative.

So it was decided by the Senate that the amendment proposed by
Mr. Johnson of Arkansas was in order; and

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Caperton,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ----- 12
Nays ----- 12

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Dortch, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson
of Georgia, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Reade, and Semmes.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Clark, Clay, Henry, Johnson of Arkansas,
Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, Phelan, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

The hour of half past 3 o'clock having arrived,

The Senate took a recess until 7 o'clock p. m.

7 O'CLOCK P. M.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 92) to tax, fund, and limit the currency, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Orr, that a message be sent to the House of Representatives requesting the return to the Senate of the joint resolution (S. 24) in relation to the exchange of prisoners,

It was determined in the negative.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to their amendments to the bill (H. R. 92) to tax, fund, and limit the currency; and

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 113) to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, to amend the bill by striking out the words "and other offenses against the laws of the Confederate States, enacted to promote their success in the war," section 1, lines 25, 26, and 27,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting after "conspiracies," section 1, line 28, "or,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting after "conspiracies," section 1, line 30, "or," and by striking out "and," in the same line, and inserting "or."

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting after the thirty-second line of the first section the following clause:

Of unlawful burning, destroying, or injuring, or attempting to burn, destroy, or injure, any bridge or railroad, or telegraphic line of communication, or other property, with the intent of aiding the enemy,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Caperton, to amend the bill by inserting after "others," section 1, line 31, "to abandon the Confederate cause, or,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting after the thirty-second line of the first section the following clause:

Of treasonable designs to impair the military power of the Government by destroying or attempting to destroy the vessels, or arms, or munitions of war, or arsenals, foundries, workshops, or other property of the Confederate States,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Oldham, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the second section

And the President shall submit to Congress, at its next session, the names of all persons who may be arrested under the provisions of this act, with the cause of their arrest, and a statement of the facts which induced the same in each case,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas-----	3
	{ Nays-----	17

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,
Messrs. Oldham, Orr, and Reade.

Those who voted in the negative are,
Messrs. Baker, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Clay, Dortch, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Mitchel, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by inserting the following independent section:

SEC. 3. That during the suspension aforesaid no military or other officer shall be compelled, in answer to any writ of habeas corpus, to appear in person or to return the body of any person or persons detained by him by the authority of the President, Secretary of War, or the general officer commanding the Trans-Mississippi Department; but upon the certificate under oath of the officer having charge of anyone so detained, that such person is detained by him as a prisoner for any of the causes hereinbefore specified, under the authority aforesaid, further proceedings under the writ of habeas corpus shall immediately cease and remain suspended so long as this act shall continue in force,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Dortch, to amend the bill by striking out "sixty," section 3, line 1, and inserting "ninety,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Clark, to amend the bill by prefixing thereto the following preamble:

Whereas the Constitution of the Confederate States of America provides, in article one, section nine, paragraph three, that "the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in case of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it;" and

Whereas the power of suspending the privilege of said writ, as recognized in said article one, is vested solely in the Congress, which is the exclusive judge of the necessity of such suspension; and

Whereas in the opinion of Congress the public safety requires the suspension of said writ in the existing case of the invasion of these States by the armies of the United States, and the continuance of such suspension until the said invasion shall cease, or Congress shall otherwise direct: Now, therefore,

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the proposed preamble by striking therefrom the words "and the continuance of such suspension until the said invasion shall cease, or Congress shall otherwise direct,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, to amend the proposed preamble by inserting after "United States" the words

and whereas the President has asked for the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus and informed Congress of conditions of public danger which render the suspension of the writ a measure proper for the public defense against invasion and insurrection,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the preamble proposed by Mr. Clark, as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate a memorial of C. Y. Morriss, praying for the exemption from military service of the officers and employees of the James River Canal Packet Company; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 33) to declare the meaning of an act allowing hospital accommodations to sick and wounded officers, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution last mentioned; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 213) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide and organize engineer troops to serve during the war," approved March 20, 1863, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the following bills:

S. 193. A bill to abolish the office of third lieutenant of infantry in the Army of the Confederate States; and

S. 207. A bill to preserve the efficiency and extend the usefulness of old fire companies; reported them severally, with the recommendation that they ought not to pass.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 108) to establish certain post routes therein named, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Caperton (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 30) of thanks to certain Virginia regiments who have reenlisted for the war;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

H. R. 96. An act to authorize the issue of certificates for interest on the fifteen million loan;

S. 191. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to establish a volunteer navy," approved April 18, 1863;

S. 208. An act to provide compensation for officers who may heretofore have performed staff duty under orders of their superior officers;

S. 215. An act to amend an act to authorize the appointment of an agent of the Treasury Department west of the Mississippi, approved January 27, 1864; and

S. 22. Joint resolution for the benefit of Zedekiah McDaniel, of Kentucky, and Francis M. Ewing, of Mississippi.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolution last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 179) making allowances to officers of the Navy of the Confederate States, under certain circumstances, and to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the organization of the Navy," approved March 16, 1861.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *February 11, 1864.*

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, submitting estimates of additional sums needed for the support of the Government.

I recommend an appropriation of the amount specified for the purposes indicated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *February 11, 1864.*

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of War, submitting an estimate of the sum needed for the conscription service.

I recommend an appropriation of the amount specified for the purpose indicated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the following bills:

S. 199. A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military

courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts," approved October 9, 1862; and

S. 200. A bill to confer additional powers upon courts-martial and military courts; and no amendment being proposed, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 112) to authorize the President to establish additional military courts.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: Insert, at the end of the bill, the words

Which courts shall be organized, and have the same powers and duties, and the members thereof appointed, as provided by law: *Provided*, That the members thereof shall be selected from persons who have been incapacitated for active service in the field by reason of wounds, or disease contracted whilst in service, or from persons over forty-five years of age,

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the amendment by striking out the words

Provided, That the members thereof shall be selected from persons who have been incapacitated for active service in the field by reason of wounds, or disease contracted whilst in service, or from persons over forty-five years of age,

It was determined in the negative, {	Yeas.....	7
	Nays	13

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Clark, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, and Oldham.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Caperton, Clay, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, Orr, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

The reported amendment was then agreed to.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 203) to amend the sixty-fifth article of war; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, the vote on passing the bill (S. 199) to

amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts," approved October 9, 1862, was reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, the vote on ordering the bill to its engrossment and third reading was also reconsidered.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said bill; and

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Clark,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 115. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States," approved April 24, 1863; and

H. R. 116. An act to authorize a further foreign loan.

The bills (H. R. 115 and H. R. 116) last mentioned were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 92) to tax, fund, and limit the currency, reported thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to their amendments to the bill (H. R. 92) last mentioned; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their amendments to said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 197) to redeem outstanding Treasury notes and discharge the public debt, and thereby restore the public credit.

On motion by Mr. Simms, to amend the bill by striking out "March," section 1, line 7, and inserting "April,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

On the question,

Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 113) to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases.

On motion by Mr. Oldham, to reconsider the vote on disagreeing to the following amendment, viz: Strike out the words "and of attempts to avoid military service," section 1, lines 19 and 20,

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being then put on the motion to reconsider,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas -----	13
	{ Nays -----	12

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Dortch, Haynes, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Reade, and Semmes.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Clark, Clay, Henry, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, Phelan, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

The said amendment being again under consideration, viz: Strike out the words "and of attempts to avoid military service," section 1, lines 19 and 20,

On motion by Mr. Caperton, to amend the words proposed to be stricken out by adding thereto the words "by leaving or attempting to leave the country in fraud of the conscript laws, or in any other illegal manner,"

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas -----	13
	{ Nays -----	12

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Dortch, Haynes, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Reade, and Semmes.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Clark, Clay, Henry, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, Phelan, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposing to strike out the words "and of attempts to avoid military service," section 1, lines 19 and 20,

Mr. Dortch demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being then put,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, to reconsider the vote on agreeing to the following amendment proposed by Mr. Caperton, viz: After "service," section 1, line 20, insert "by leaving or attempting to leave the country in fraud of the conscript laws, or in any other illegal manner,"

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas -----	13
	{ Nays -----	12

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Clark, Clay, Dortch, Henry, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, Phelan, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Haynes, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Reade, and Semmes.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Caperton,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas -----	12
	{ Nays -----	13

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Dortch, Haynes, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Orr, and Reade.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

The last-mentioned vote was reconsidered.

The amendment proposed by Mr. Wigfall being again under consideration,

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the same by striking out all after "That," in the first line, and inserting:

during the present invasion the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus be, and the same is hereby, suspended throughout the Confederate States in all cases where the person arrested may be charged—

I. With treason or treasonable efforts or combinations to subvert the Government of the Confederate States.

II. With trading with the enemy, or combining to assist the enemy, or with communicating intelligence to the enemy, or giving him aid and comfort.

III. With treasonable designs to impair the military power of the Government by destroying or attempting to destroy the vessels, or arms, or munitions of war, or arsenals, foundries, workshops, or other property of the Confederate States.

IV. With being a spy.

V. With exciting or attempting to excite insurrection among the slaves, or promoting conspiracy among them, or enticing them to join the enemy.

VI. With burning, destroying, or injuring, or attempting to burn, destroy, or injure, any bridge or railroad, or telegraphic line of communication, with the view of aiding the enemy.

VII. With exciting or attempting to excite mutiny among the troops of the Confederate States.

VIII. With harboring deserters or encouraging desertion.

SEC. 2. That in all such cases of arrests it shall be the duty of the officer issuing the order to set forth, in writing, over his official signature, the cause of such arrest and imprisonment, and shall cause a copy thereof to be forthwith transmitted to the Secretary of War.

SEC. 3. That this act shall continue in force for ninety days after the next meeting of Congress, and no longer,

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas-----	10
	{ Nays-----	15

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Haynes, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Orr, and Reade.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Clark, Clay, Dortch, Henry, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, Oldham, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Jemison, that the last-mentioned vote be reconsidered,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Wigfall by striking out the third section thereof,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas-----	13
	{ Nays-----	12

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Clark, Clay, Dortch, Henry, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, Phelan, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Haynes, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Reade, and Semmes.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Wigfall, as amended,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ----- 7
Nays ----- 18

On motion by Mr. Dortch,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Clay, Henry, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Simms, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Dortch, Haynes, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Phelan, Reade, and Semmes.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments made as in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ----- 14
Nays ----- 10

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Clay, Dortch, Henry, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, Phelan, Simms, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Haynes, Hill, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Oldham, Orr, Reade, Semmes, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, that the vote on passing the bill be reconsidered,

It was determined in the negative.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., February 11, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit and recommend to your favorable consideration, in secret session, a communication from the Secretary of the Navy, asking for authority to transfer the amount appropriated under secret act No. 6, approved September 19, 1862, to the appropriation under secret act No. 31, approved October 6, 1862.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the bill (H. R. 115) to amend an act entitled "An act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States," approved April 24, 1863, be printed.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of A. C. Edwards, George H. Jones, Martin H. Cofer, W. R. Peck, B. Timmons, Robert W. Pitman, William A. Feeney, R. W. Withers, J. Randolph Lane, Benjamin R. Hart, to be colonels; E. F. Bookter, George W. Law, Philip Lee, J. C. Gordon, C. D. Anderson, W. Smith Davis, J. C. Goodgame, R. Randolph, H. T. Toulmin, M. R. Hall, Thomas H. Watkins, John J. Hodges, Thomas W. Thompson, William L. Clarke, Beverly L. Dyer, E. T. Stackhouse, E. Warfield, John W. Dawson, Jack Wharton, C. W. Heiskell, Andrew M. Nelson, Samuel H. Saunders, William A. Feeney, to be lieutenant-colonels; Charles J. Moffett, W. J. Pfohl, John D. Lilley, Jos. H. Millett, W. Jerry Crook, Wilson Harper, E. G. Brasher, M. M. Patrick, P. F. Ross, J. M. Hancock, Andrew M. Nelson, Robert W. Locke, Samuel H. Saunders, J. M. Richardson, James G. Deaderick, John Westcott, T. E. Upshaw, W. C. Parker, H. McDowell, E. M. Dodson, James T. Adams, W. M. Arnold, Samuel Sharp, John W. Davis, R. M. Tankesley, J. W. Drane, W. C. Capers, W. B. Wooldridge, E. H. Armistead, T. F. Clyburn, George W. Maxson, John K. Allen, to be majors; H. W. Fowler, McMillan King, to be captains; J. D. Scott, F. C. Lucas, W. H. Grimball, E. J. Simkins, to be first lieutenants, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of Frank J. Hahr, Edward McCrady, jr., Thomas J. Hudson, Richard Richardson, to be commandants of camps of instruction, with the rank of major; Henry Goldthwaite, Lamar Cobb, J. B. Cumming, to be assistant adjutants-general, with the rank of major; C. L. D. Elgee, S. P. Cunningham, C. Powell Grady, B. A. Terrett, Henry Ewing, to be assistant adjutants-general, with the rank of captain; I. P. Girardey, Joseph Denegre, Charles Semple, J. W. Gillespie, to be military storekeepers, with the rank of captain of infantry; Frank P. Buckner, Griffin S. Ward, James M. Muldon, jr., John S. Greer, to be military storekeepers, with the rank of first lieutenant of infantry, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Jemison, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of James D. Johnston, to be commander; Charles W. Read, Sardine G. Stone, to be first lieutenants in the Regular

Navy; John R. Price and William W. Read, to be masters, in the line of promotion; John F. Wheless and Willis B. Cobb, to be assistant paymasters; reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the nomination of J. F. Scott, to be surgeon, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Baker, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of Nathaniel K. Henderson, James W. Belvin, William T. Williams, Watkins L. Warren, and Robert Kuykendall, to be assistant surgeons for the war; Lloyd B. Stephenson, Ruffin Thomson, and Thomas St. George Pratt, to be second lieutenants in the Marine Corps; Marshall L. Sothoron, to be assistant paymaster, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *February 11, 1864.*

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Postmaster-General, I hereby nominate the persons named upon the annexed list to the offices designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 9, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend for appointment as postmasters, with the advice and consent of the Senate, the following persons who were appointed during the recess of the Senate:

James E. Thom, of Greensboro, N. C.

Samuel J. Douthit, of Greenville, S. C.

Morris Gattman, of Aberdeen, Miss.

Charles H. Manship, of Jackson, Miss.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN H. REAGAN,
Postmaster-General.

To the PRESIDENT.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of D. M. Carter as presiding judge; D. C. Glenn and P. B. Whittle as members of the court; Thomas T. Hill as judge-advocate; C. E. Hooker as presiding judge; John B. Sale as member of the court; W. P. Johnson as judge-advocate; James Conner and D. A. Wilson, to be members of the court; Edwin G. Lee, to be a member of the court; Benton Randolph, to be judge-advocate;

W. C. Bird, to be a member of the court; M. P. Jarnagin, to be judge-advocate, and H. C. Graham, to be judge-advocate, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President pro tempore appoint an additional page for the Senate, with the same compensation as that received by the present page.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 95) for the relief of taxpayers in certain cases.

And they have disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 109) to increase the compensation of certain officers of the Treasury.

The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 204) to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war, with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And they have passed the following joint resolutions of the Senate:

S. 29. Joint resolution of thanks to the troops reenlisting for the war from the State of Georgia; and

S. 30. Joint resolution of thanks to certain Virginia regiments who have reenlisted for the war.

The House of Representatives have passed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 118. An act to authorize the purchase and publication of a digest of the laws of the Confederate States;

H. R. 119. An act to provide for holding elections for Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States of America from the State of Arkansas;

H. R. 34. Joint resolution of thanks to Gen. N. B. Forrest and the officers and men of his command;

H. R. 35. Joint resolution of thanks to Virginia troops stationed at Drewry's Bluff.

H. R. 36. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of the Twenty-eighth and Thirteenth regiments of North Carolina troops;

H. R. 37. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of the Third Georgia Regiment;

H. R. 38. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of the Twenty-second Virginia Regiment;

H. R. 39. Joint resolution of thanks to Hart's battery, Hampden's Legion, South Carolina Volunteers;

H. R. 40. Joint resolution of thanks to the Sixteenth Mississippi Regiment;

H. R. 41. Joint resolution of thanks to Maj. Gen. J. E. B. Stuart and the officers and men under his command;

H. R. 43. Joint resolution to print and distribute to the Army copies of the President's address to the soldiers of the Confederate States; and

H. R. 44. Joint resolution of thanks to the Forty-sixth and Fifty-fifth regiments of Tennessee Volunteers at Mobile.

Mr. Clay, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported

A bill (S. 226) to provide for retiring officers of the Army; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Haynes, to amend the bill by inserting after "discharge," section 1, line 5, the words "by and with the advice and consent of the Senate,"

Mr. Clay demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being then put on agreeing to the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes,

It was determined in the negative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question,

Shall the bill now pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas----- 15
Nays ----- 8

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Burnett, Caperton, Clay, Dortch, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Orr, Phelan, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Clark, Haynes, Henry, Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, Oldham, Reade, and Simms.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Georgia, that the last-mentioned vote be reconsidered,

It was determined in the negative.

So it was

Resolved, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives agree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 90) to make additional appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1864, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And they insist upon their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 75) to amend an act to regulate impressments, approved March 26, 1863, and to repeal an act amendatory thereof, approved April 27, 1863, agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and have appointed Mr. Hartridge, Mr. Staples, and Mr. Hanly managers at the same on their part.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 222) relating to the appointment of a general and lieutenant-generals, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to their amendments to the bill (H. R. 90) to make additional appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1864; and

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendment, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 109) to increase the compensation of certain officers of the Treasury; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their amendment to said bill, disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 204) to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The bill (H. R. 118) to authorize the purchase and publication of a digest of the laws of the Confederate States was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The bill (H. R. 119) to provide for holding elections for Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States of America from the State of Arkansas was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following joint resolutions were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs:

H. R. 34. Joint resolution of thanks to Gen. N. B. Forrest and the officers and men of his command; and

H. R. 41. Joint resolution of thanks to Maj. Gen. J. E. B. Stuart and the officers and men under his command.

The joint resolution (H. R. 43) to print and distribute to the Army copies of the President's address to the soldiers of the Confederate States was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Printing.

The following joint resolutions were severally read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole:

H. R. 35. Joint resolution of thanks to Virginia troops stationed at Drewry's Bluff;

H. R. 36. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of the Twenty-eighth and Thirteenth regiments of North Carolina troops;

H. R. 37. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of the Third Georgia Regiment;

H. R. 38. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of the Twenty-second Virginia Regiment;

H. R. 40. Joint resolution of thanks to the Sixteenth Mississippi Regiment; and

H. R. 44. Joint resolution of thanks to the Forty-sixth and Fifty-fifth regiments of Tennessee Volunteers at Mobile; and no amendment being proposed, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said resolutions were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The joint resolution (H. R. 39) of thanks to Hart's battery, Hampden's Legion, South Carolina Volunteers, was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the resolution by striking out "Hampden's," line 3, and inserting "Hampton,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed, the resolution was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the resolution pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Orr, the title was amended to read: "Joint resolution of thanks to Hart's battery, Hampton Legion, South Carolina Volunteers."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Wigfall submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved by the Senate, That the President of the Confederate States be respectfully requested to inform this body whether A. R. Lawton has, since the tenth day of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, been receiving the pay and allowances of a brigadier-general; and if so, under what law; and whether Col. J. B. Gordon, of Alabama, lately confirmed as a brigadier-general to command Lawton's brigade, was not, on or before said tenth day of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, appointed to the command of that brigade as the successor of Brigadier-General Lawton; and if not, by what authority he was appointed.

Mr. Jemison presented the memorial of Margaret I. Stockwell, praying the passage of a law relieving the property of her husband, James A. Stockwell, who has deserted from the Army of the Confederate States, from the operation of the confiscation laws; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 199) to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts," approved October 9, 1862.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by adding thereto the following independent section:

SEC. 3. That the fourth section of the act of which this is amendatory be, and the same is hereby, so amended as to extend the jurisdiction of the military courts to all offenders below the grade of lieutenant-general,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives disagree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 82) to grant a special copyright to W. J. Hardee and S. H. Goetzel for Hardee's Rifle and Infantry Tactics.

They have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 174) to authorize the issue of certain bonds for payment to the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company, of the State of Florida, with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And they have passed, by the required constitutional majority of two-thirds, the bill of the Senate (S. 178) to provide payment for certain printing therein mentioned, done by authority of the two Houses of Congress.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 107) to increase the efficiency of the Army by the employment of free negroes and slaves in certain capacities.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, that it be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

It was determined in the negative,	{	Yeas	7
		Nays	7

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On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Caperton, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Mitchel, and Orr.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Haynes, Hill, Johnson of Georgia, Oldham, Reade, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That there be a call of the Senate.

The roll having been called, the following-named Senators failed to answer to their names:

James M. Baker, Robert W. Barnwell, A. G. Brown, Clement C. Clay, William T. Dortch, Gustavus A. Henry, Robert Jemison, jr., Waldo P. Johnson, James Phelan, T. J. Semmes, and William E. Simms.

Mr. Barnwell, Mr. Brown, Mr. Clay, Mr. Johnson of Missouri, and Mr. Semmes were then, on motion, severally excused for nonattendance.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell, that Mr. Baker be excused,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, that all the other absentees be excused,

It was determined in the negative.

Other Senators then appearing,

On motion by Mr. Clark,

Ordered, That all further proceedings in the call be dispensed with. Whereupon,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 107) last mentioned; and

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to and made the special order for to-morrow at half past 11 o'clock, and that it be printed.

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *February 12, 1864.*

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, submitting an estimate of additional sums needed for the support of the Government.

I recommend an appropriation of the amount specified for the purposes indicated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The hour of half past 3 o'clock having arrived,

The Senate took a recess until 7 o'clock p. m.

7 O'CLOCK P. M.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 210) to aid any State in communicating with and perfecting records concerning its troops, with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And they have agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 112) to authorize the President to establish additional military courts, with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives have passed bills of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 120. An act to authorize the impressment of meat for the use of the Army under certain circumstances;

H. R. 121. An act to provide for the payment of horses killed, captured, lost, or permanently disabled in the Confederate States service;

H. R. 122. An act to fix the compensation for the publication in the public gazettes of the acts of Congress;

H. R. 123. An act to authorize the payment of mileage and salary to members-elect of the Second Congress of the Confederate States; and

H. R. 124. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to organize the Territory of Arizona."

On motion by Mr. Henry,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 117) to amend the act for the assessment and collection of taxes, approved May 1, 1863; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives insist upon their amendments to the bill of the Senate (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war, agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and have appointed Mr. Chilton, Mr. Holcombe, and Mr. Swan managers at the same on their part.

The bill (H. R. 117) to amend the act for the assessment and collection of taxes, approved May 1, 1863, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the message of the President on the subject, reported

A bill (S. 227) to authorize the transfer of a certain appropriation; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Lamar, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives insist on their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 92) to tax, fund, and limit the currency, ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and have appointed Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Boyce, and Mr. Lewis managers at the same on their part.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 92) to tax, fund, and limit the currency; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their amendments to the said bill, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and agree to the conference asked by the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That Mr. Hunter be chairman of the committee of conference on the part of the Senate, and that the other members of the committee be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Semmes and Mr. Orr were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 194) to organize bodies for the capture and destruction of the enemy's property, by land or sea, and to authorize compensation for the same; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 100) to continue in the service, for the war, all the troops now in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States.

The question being on agreeing to the amendment proposed by Mr. Haynes to the first amendment, reported from the Committee on Military Affairs, viz:

Strike out in the third line the word "fifty-five" and insert "fifty,"

Mr. Haynes (by leave) withdrew the same.

The reported amendments having been then agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time as amended.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 113) to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 98) to levy additional taxes for the common defense and support of the Government, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: Strike out "five," section 1, line 11, and insert "two and a half,"

On motion by Mr. Dortch, to amend the amendment by striking out "two and a half" and inserting "two,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: Strike out "ten," section 1, line 15, and insert "five,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: Strike out, in section 1, lines 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20, the words

That from this tax on the value of property employed in agriculture, shall be deducted the value of the tax in kind, derived therefrom, as assessed under the law imposing it, and delivered to the Government; but this deduction shall not reduce the tax on the value of the property below two per cent,

and insert in lieu thereof

That from this tax on the value of property shall be deducted the value of the tax in kind derived therefrom as assessed under the law imposing it and delivered to the Government, and also the tax on income derived from said property, and which may be paid to the Government, and also the tax of one per cent imposed on moneys and credits by the tax act, approved twenty-fourth April, eighteen hundred and sixty-three,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz:

Strike out of the second section the first and second clauses, as follows:

I. On the value of wheat, flour, corn, rice, sugar, molasses or sirup, salt, bacon, pork, hogs, beef or beef cattle, sheep, oats, hay, fodder, raw hides, leather, woolen, cotton or mixed cloths, cotton yarns, hats, shoes, boots, wagons, harness, coal, iron, spirituous liquors, steel or nails, held or owned by any other than the producer, raiser, grower, or manufacturer, and not being necessary and intended for family use or consumption, during the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four, twenty per cent: *Provided*, That this tax shall not apply to property acquired and held in the due course of a registered business, and for sale therein.

II. On the value of all cotton, except fifteen pounds of ginned cotton for each member of a family, tobacco and naval stores, held or owned by any other than the producer or grower, twenty per cent; but when held and owned by the producer or grower, ten per cent,

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the words proposed to be stricken out by striking out "twenty per cent" in the first clause and inserting "ten per cent,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the words proposed to be stricken out by inserting after "grower," in the second clause, "or manufacturer,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the words proposed to be stricken out by striking out of the second clause the words "but when held and owned by the producer or grower, ten per cent,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the words proposed to be stricken out by striking out of the first clause "twenty per cent" and inserting "ten per cent,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the words proposed to be stricken out by striking out all after "the," in the first line of the first clause, and inserting:

amount of each purchase of real estate, slaves, cotton, tobacco, whisky, brandy, wine, gold, foreign exchange and foreign currency, purchased since the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, there shall be levied and collected of the purchaser a tax of ten per cent in addition to all other taxes levied upon the value of such property, and upon the income and profits thereof,

On motion by Mr. Caperton, to amend the proposed amendment by adding thereto the following proviso:

Provided, That this tax shall not be imposed upon any real estate purchased for a home or residence, and used as such,

Mr. Haynes called for the question; and the call was not seconded.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Caperton to the amendment proposed by Mr. Hill,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Hill, as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas.....	11
	{ Nays.....	9

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Clark, Henry, Hill, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Mitchel, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Clay, Dortch, Haynes, Hunter, Jemison, Orr, Reade, Semmes, and Simms.

Mr. Sparrow submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That the vote on agreeing to the amendment proposed by Mr. Hill, as amended, be reconsidered.

On the question to agree to the reported amendment, to strike out the first and second clauses of the second section of the bill,

Ordered, That it be passed over for the present.

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, After debate,

On motion by Mr. Henry,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom were referred the nominations of James E. Thom, to be postmaster at Greensboro, N. C.; Samuel J. Douthit, to be postmaster at Greenville, S. C.; Morris Gattman, to be postmaster at Aberdeen, Miss.; Charles H. Manship, to be postmaster at Jackson, Miss., reported, with the recommendation that said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of Charles W. Field, to be major-general; O. Latrobe, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of major; B. A. Terrett and B. D. Turner, to be assistant adjutants-general, with the rank of captain; William Terry, H. C. Pate, William W. Ward, Abraham Fulkerson, W. J. Winn, R. M. Saffell, A. R. Lankford, G. F. Baucum, and W. P. White, to be colonels; Robert White, J. L. McAllister, C. M. Andrews, R. A. Alston, John A. Aiken, James T. Weaver, M. R. Hall, John F. Smith, F. A. Ashford, W. W. Wood, and A. Watkins, to be lieutenant-colonels; C. M. Andrews, Richard McCann, W. H. Fulkerson, Alf. A. Singeltary, James A. Long, H. B. Turner, W. Watkins, J. C. Hutto, W. H. Wylly, W. W. Billopp, R. B. Snodgrass, J. W. McGee, and T. B. Howard, to be majors; W. W. Page and D. A. Outlaw, to be captains; R. Temple, to be first lieutenant; T. J. McKaig, J. W. Jackson, J. B. Downing, and George W. Morris, to be second lieutenants; I. M. St. John, to be lieutenant-colonel; Richard Morton and Isaac Read, to be majors; F. H. Smith, R. H. Temple, T. J. Finnie, William Gabbett, John Ellicott, and James F. Jones, to be captains; R. C. Morton, J. H. Matthews, H. F. Reardon, B. A. Stovall, J. W. Pearce, R. L. Sprigg, Edward Harrison, R. A. Higgason, J. Triplett Smith, and John R. Hale, to be first lieutenants in the Niter and Mining Corps; George M. Helm and Abner S. Gaines, to be captains in the Engineer Corps; George W. Clayton, W. A. Obenchain, and R. M. Nelson, to be second lieutenants in the Regular Army, Corps of Artillery; W. Q. Hullihen, to be second lieutenant in the Regular Army, Corps of Cavalry; Anderson Watkins, L. M. Gamble, E. T. Freeman, R. T. Beauregard, R. F. Daney, R. S. Kinney, and A. R. Boteler, jr., to be second lieutenants in the Regular Army, Corps of Infantry, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, *February 12, 1864.*

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy, I hereby nominate the person named upon the annexed list to the office designated, to take rank from the 26th of March, 1861.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 6, 1864.*

THE PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nomination for appointment in the Navy, and respectfully call your attention to the annexed report in the case:

Surgeon.

William D. Harrison, of Virginia, to rank from the 26th of March, 1861.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. R. MALLORY,
Secretary of the Navy.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 11, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 10, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nominations of the following general officers (who have been nominated and confirmed by the Provisional Congress) for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Major-generals.

J. B. Magruder, of Virginia, to take rank from October 7, 1861.
W. W. Loring, of Florida, to take rank from February 15, 1862.

Brigadier-generals.

A. R. Lawton, of Georgia, to take rank from April 13, 1861.
Henry A. Wise, of Virginia, to take rank from June 5, 1861.
John H. Winder, of Maryland, to take rank from June 21, 1861.
H. H. Sibley, of Louisiana, to take rank from June 17, 1861.
Gideon J. Pillow, of Tennessee, to take rank from July 9, 1861.
P. O. Hébert, of Louisiana, to take rank from August 17, 1861.
D. Ruggles, of Virginia, to take rank from August 9, 1861.
R. S. Ripley, of South Carolina, to take rank from August 15, 1861.
G. J. Rains, of North Carolina, to take rank from September 23, 1861.
T. F. Drayton, of South Carolina, to take rank from September 25, 1861.
N. G. Evans, of South Carolina, to take rank from October 21, 1861.
J. H. Trapier, of South Carolina, to take rank from October 21, 1861.
H. W. Mercer, of Georgia, to take rank from October 29, 1861.
William M. Gardner, of Georgia, to take rank from November 11, 1861.
William Mahone, of Virginia, to take rank from November 16, 1861.
R. E. Colston, of Virginia, to take rank from December 24, 1861.
B. R. Johnson, of Tennessee, to take rank from January 24, 1862.
J. P. Anderson, of Florida, to take rank from February 10, 1862.
John K. Jackson, of Georgia, to take rank from January 14, 1862.
J. R. Chalmers, of Mississippi, to take rank from February 13, 1862.
J. B. Kershaw, of South Carolina, to take rank from February 13, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 11, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 42.] CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 9, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ARTILLERY OFFICERS, FOR ORDNANCE DUTY, UNDER ACTS APPROVED APRIL 21 AND
SEPTEMBER 16, 1862.

Captains.

C. C. Greene, of Arkansas, report to Chief of Ordnance for duty in Trans-Mississippi Department, to rank from May 2, 1863.

F. P. Leavenworth, of Arkansas, report to Chief of Ordnance for duty in Trans-Mississippi Department, to rank from May 2, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 11, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 30.] CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, January 26, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Quartermasters—majors.

Thomas W. Oliver, of Alabama, to take rank from January 1, 1864.
Thomas McGuire, of Louisiana, to take rank from August 15, 1863.
J. S. M. Davidson, of Florida, to take rank from December 4, 1863.
F. A. Rector, of Arkansas, to take rank from January 8, 1864.
William J. Bradley, of Kentucky, to take rank from November 16, 1863.
W. D. Thomason, of Alabama, to take rank from April 1, 1863.
Thomas Johns, of Texas, to take rank from May 2, 1863.

Assistant quartermasters—captains.

William D. Heflin, of Mississippi, to take rank from September 1, 1862.
H. M. McIlhany, of Virginia, to take rank from December 25, 1863.
H. K. Washburn, of Georgia, to take rank from December 24, 1863.
Thomas D. Spindle, of Tennessee, to take rank from December 12, 1862.
Eustace Gibson, of Virginia, to take rank from January 1, 1864.
J. Moore, of Mississippi, to take rank from December 7, 1863.
W. R. Poindexter, of Tennessee, to take rank from December 11, 1863.
W. P. Davis, of Mississippi, to take rank from October 17, 1862.
C. C. Swope, of Alabama, to take rank from December 15, 1862.
John W. Moore, of Mississippi, to take rank from September 11, 1862.
C. L. Chesnutt, of North Carolina, to take rank from January 4, 1864.
S. R. Anderson, of Tennessee, to take rank from June 1, 1863.
James Henderson, of South Carolina, to take rank from January 27, 1864.
W. A. Fariss, of Georgia, to take rank from December 3, 1863.
W. F. Burge, of Georgia, to take rank from December 3, 1863.
W. Nicholas Peay, of Arkansas, to take rank from January 19, 1864.
W. Alston Hayne, of South Carolina, to take rank from January 20, 1864.
G. M. Miller, of Louisiana, to take rank from September 5, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 11, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Thomas J. Noble, of Virginia, to be quartermaster, with the rank of major, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 6, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Thomas J. Noble, of Virginia, to be quartermaster, with the rank of major, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to date from November 4, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Senate, when an army, post, or garrison is surrendered, it is inexpedient to confirm the officers who were parties to the surrender without an investigation by court-martial, or court of inquiry being first had.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Maxwell (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 228) in relation to trading with the enemy; which was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Johnson of Georgia (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 31) of thanks to Commander John Taylor Wood and the officers and men under his command for daring and brilliant conduct;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Dortch (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 32) of thanks to the Fifteenth, Twenty-seventh, and Thirtieth regiments of North Carolina troops for their patriotic devotion in reenlisting for the war;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate the memorial of Dabney H. Maury, praying that the pension of his mother, Mrs. Eliza

Maury, may be continued; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 90) to make additional appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1864, reported them with amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to their amendments to the bill (H. R. 90) last mentioned; and the amendments reported from the Committee on Finance having been agreed to,

Resolved, That the Senate agree to the amendments of the House of Representatives to their amendments to said bill, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 114) to provide for increasing the price of the rations for sick and wounded soldiers in hospitals, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The title was amended to read: "An act to increase the commutation value of hospital rations."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives [therein].

On motion by Mr. Sparrow;

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the following subjects:

Memorial of R. W. Gibbes, M. D., president of the Press Association of the Confederate States of America, praying a change in the present exemption law so far as relates to them.

A resolution inquiring into the expediency of organizing and strengthening the Trans-Mississippi Department by the appointment of an assistant Secretary of War, with proper quartermaster, commissary, and ordnance and other bureaus, as a means of giving efficiency to the defense of the States and Territories west of the Mississippi River.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the following bills:

S. 145. A bill to provide rations for the officers of the Army during the war; and

S. 148. A bill relating to exchanged or paroled Confederate prisoners, who may have been, or may hereafter be, captured by the enemy west of the Mississippi River; reported them severally, with the recommendation that they ought not to pass.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 119) to provide for holding elections for Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States of America from the State of Arkansas, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Margaret I. Stockwell, praying the passage of a law relieving the property of her husband, James A. Stockwell, who has deserted from the Army of the Confederate States, from the operation of the confiscation laws.

Mr. Baker, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 29) for the relief of Maj. Henry R. Hooper, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Burnett, from the Committee on Claims, to whom were referred the following bill and joint resolution:

H. R. 111. A bill for the relief of Livingston Mims; and

H. R. 20. Joint resolution for the relief of Maj. W. F. Haines; reported them severally, without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill and joint resolutions of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 125. An act to establish and organize two bureaus in connection with the agency of the Treasury for the Trans-Mississippi Department, one of which is to be known as the bureau of the auditor and the other as the bureau of the comptroller for the Trans-Mississippi Department;

H. R. 42. Joint resolution of thanks to the Thirty-ninth Mississippi Regiment;

H. R. 45. Joint resolution of thanks to the Ninth Alabama Regiment;

H. R. 46. Joint resolution of thanks to the Fifteenth and Twenty-seventh regiments of North Carolina troops, Cooke's brigade; and

H. R. 47. Joint resolution of thanks to the enlisted men of Douglas' (Texas) battery.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they have examined and found truly enrolled bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

H. R. 95. An act for the relief of taxpayers in certain cases;

H. R. 102. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts;"

H. R. 108. An act to establish certain post routes therein named;

H. R. 30. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of McClung's battery.

H. R. 31. Joint resolution of thanks to the Tenth Mississippi Regiment; and

H. R. 33. Joint resolution to declare the meaning of an act allowing hospital accommodations to sick and wounded officers.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 107) to increase the efficiency of the Army by the employment of free negroes and slaves in certain capacities; and

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That it be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 10th instant, approved and signed an act (S. 159) to authorize the appointment of an agent of the Post-Office Department, and such clerks as may be necessary, to carry on the postal service in the States west of the Mississippi River.

And on the 11th instant he approved and signed the following acts and joint resolutions:

S. 191. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to establish a volunteer navy," approved April 18, 1863;

S. 208. An act to provide compensation for officers who may heretofore have performed staff duty under orders of their superior officers;

S. 215. An act to amend an act to authorize the appointment of an agent of the Treasury Department west of the Mississippi, approved January 27, 1864; and

S. 22. Joint resolution for the benefit of Zedekiah McDaniel, of Kentucky, and Francis M. Ewing, of Mississippi.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Wigfall (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 229) to amend an act entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America," approved March 16, 1861; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and

The hour of half past 3 o'clock having arrived,

The Senate took a recess until 7 o'clock p. m.

7 O'CLOCK P. M.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *February 12, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

In response to your resolution of the 2d ultimo, I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury relative to the assessment and collection of taxes under the act approved May 1, 1863.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *February 12, 1864.*

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, covering copies of several additional "reports of General Beauregard, connected with the defense of Charleston."

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following bills were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

H. R. 120. An act to authorize the impressment of meat for the use of the Army under certain circumstances; and

H. R. 123. An act to authorize the payment of mileage and salary to members-elect of the Second Congress of the Confederate States.

The bill (H. R. 121) to provide for the payment of horses killed, captured, lost, or permanently disabled in the Confederate States service was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The bill (H. R. 122) to fix the compensation for the publication in the public gazettes of the acts of Congress was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Printing.

The bill (H. R. 125) to establish and organize two bureaus in connection with the agency of the Treasury for the Trans-Mississippi Department, one of which is to be known as the bureau of the auditor and the other as the bureau of the comptroller for the Trans-Mississippi Department, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill (H. R. 124) to amend an act entitled "An act to organize the Territory of Arizona" was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The joint resolution (H. R. 42) of thanks to the Thirty-ninth Mississippi Regiment was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the resolution by striking out the preamble,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the resolution by striking out of the first section the words "for the noble sentiments proclaimed in the meeting aforesaid, and,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed, the resolution was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the resolution read a third time.

The said resolution as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The following joint resolutions were severally read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole:

H. R. 45. Joint resolution of thanks to the Ninth Alabama Regiment;

H. R. 46. Joint resolution of thanks to the Fifteenth and Twenty-seventh regiments of North Carolina troops, Cooke's brigade; and

H. R. 47. Joint resolution of thanks to the enlisted men of Douglas' (Texas) battery; and no amendment being proposed, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said resolutions were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 220) to expedite the payment of the claims of deceased soldiers, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to their amendment to the bill (H. R. 112) to authorize the President to establish additional military courts; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 210) to aid any State in communicating with and perfecting records concerning its troops; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 174) to authorize the issue of certain bonds for payment to the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company, of the State of Florida; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred, at the last session, the bill (S. 93) to provide tobacco for the Army, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 150) to limit and define the term of office of the Secretary or principal officer of each of the Executive Departments, established by the several acts entitled "An act to organize the Department of State," "An act to establish the Treasury Department," "An act to establish the War Department," "An act to establish the Navy Department," "An act to establish the Post-Office Department," "An act to organize and establish an executive department, to be known as the Department of Justice," all of which acts were approved February 21, 1861; and

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to and made the special order for Monday next at half past 11 o'clock.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the considera-

tion of the bill (S. 187) declaring persons owing military service to the Confederate States, and who seek to avoid such service by removing beyond the control and jurisdiction of said States, alien enemies, and subjecting their property to confiscation; and

On motion by Mr. Clark,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed joint resolutions of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 31. Joint resolution of thanks to Commander John Taylor Wood and the officers and men under his command for daring and brilliant conduct; and

S. 32. Joint resolution of thanks to the Fifteenth, Twenty-seventh, and Thirtieth regiments of North Carolina troops for their patriotic devotion in reenlisting for the war.

And they have passed joint resolutions of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 48. Joint resolution of thanks to the soldiers from the State of Alabama who have reenlisted for the war;

H. R. 49. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of the Seventh and Twelfth regiments of Virginia troops; and

H. R. 50. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of Lomax's brigade.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by Mr. Semmes on the 4th instant, to reconsider the vote on passing the bill (S. 195) creating the office of ensign in the Army of the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, the Senate resolved into secret legislative session for the further consideration thereof.

The doors having been opened,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said motion; and

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the negative.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 193) to abolish the office of third lieutenant of infantry in the Army of the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed indefinitely.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 106) to allow commissioned officers of the Army rations and the privilege of purchasing clothing from the Quartermaster's Department.

The reported amendments having been agreed to,

On motion by Mr. Orr, further to amend the bill by inserting the following independent section:

SEC. —. That this act shall expire on the first day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five,

It was determined in the negative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 111) for the relief of Livingston Mims; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendment, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 82) to grant a special copyright to W. J. Hardee and S. H. Goetzel for Hardee's Rifle and Infantry Tactics; and

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

Resolved, That the Senate recede from their amendment to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 192) to regulate the allowance of traveling expenses of officers of the Navy and others traveling under orders.

On the question to agree to the following amendment proposed to the bill by Mr. Simms, viz: Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

That officers of the Navy and others traveling under orders of the Navy Department shall be allowed the same pay as that allowed officers and other persons traveling under orders of the War Department,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 29) for the relief of Maj. Henry R. Hooper; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The following joint resolutions were severally read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole:

H. R. 48. Joint resolution of thanks to the soldiers from the State of Alabama who have reenlisted for the war;

H. R. 49. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of the Seventh and Twelfth regiments of Virginia troops; and

H. R. 50. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of Lomax's brigade;

and no amendment being proposed, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said resolutions were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 221) for the relief of Leach & Avery; and

On motion by Mr. Dortch, that the further consideration thereof be postponed indefinitely,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{	Yeas	12
		Nays	5

On motion by Mr. Jemison,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, Phelan, and Reade.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Clark, Jemison, Johnson of Missouri, and Semmes.

So it was

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed indefinitely.

On motion by Mr. Baker,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 98) to levy additional taxes for the common defense and support of the Government.

On the question to agree to the motion submitted by Mr. Sparrow on yesterday to reconsider the vote on agreeing to the following amendment proposed by Mr. Hill, as amended, viz:

Strike out all of the first and second clauses of the second section of the bill after "the," in the first line, and insert:

amount of each purchase of real estate, slaves, cotton, tobacco, whisky, brandy, wine, gold, foreign exchange, and foreign currency, purchased since the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, there shall be levied and collected of the purchaser a tax of ten per cent in addition to all other taxes levied upon the value of such property, and upon the income and profits thereof: *Provided*, That this tax shall not be imposed upon any real estate purchased for a home or residence and used as such,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{	Yeas	16
		Nays	8

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Caperton, Clay, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hunter, Jemison, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Phelan, Reade, Semmes, Simms, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,
Messrs. Baker, Clark, Hill, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, and Wigfall.

The said amendment being again under consideration,

On the question to agree thereto,

After debate,

Mr. Caperton demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being then put on agreeing to the amendment proposed by Mr. Hill, as amended,

It was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: Strike out "five per cent," section 2, line 22, and insert "two and a half per cent,"

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the amendment by striking out "two and a half" and inserting "two,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: Strike out "five per cent," section 3, line 3, and insert "two and a half per cent,"

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the amendment by striking out "two and a half" and inserting "two,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: Strike out "five per cent," section 3, line 7, and insert "two and a half per cent,"

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the amendment by striking out "two and a half" and inserting "two,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the bill by striking out the words "to be assessed and collected in kind," section 3, line 4,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: Strike out "five per cent," section 3, line 12, and insert "two and a half per cent,"

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the amendment by striking out "two and a half" and inserting "two,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: At the end of the third section insert the words

to be deducted from the face of said Treasury notes when presented for payment, or in payment of public dues, or for funding; and said tax shall attach to said Treasury notes wherever circulated,

Mr. Semmes (on behalf of the Committee on Finance, by leave) withdrew the amendment.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by striking out of the third section the words

the amount of all solvent credits and of all bank bills and all other paper used as currency, exclusive of Confederate Treasury notes, five per cent; and on all Treasury

notes above the denomination of five dollars, except interest-bearing Treasury notes, twenty-five per cent,

and inserting:

the amount of all solvent credits not employed in a business the income derived from which is taxed, and of all bank bills, and all other paper used as currency, exclusive of Confederate Treasury notes, two per cent; and on all Treasury notes above the denomination of five dollars, except interest-bearing Treasury notes, twenty-five per cent, to be deducted from the face of said Treasury notes when presented for payment, or in payment of public dues, or for funding; and said tax shall attach to said Treasury notes wherever circulated,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to amend the bill by inserting, at the end of the third section, the following clause:

III. On the amount of each purchase of real estate, slaves, cotton, tobacco, whisky, brandy, wine, gold, foreign exchange, and foreign currency, purchased since the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, there shall be levied and collected of the purchaser a tax of five per cent in addition to all other taxes levied upon the value of such property, and upon the income and profits thereof: *Provided*, That this tax shall not be levied upon real estate purchased for a home or residence and used and occupied by the purchaser as such,

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the proposed amendment by adding thereto the following proviso:

Provided further, That there shall be exempt from the tax all purchases under judicial sales,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Brown, to amend the proposed amendment by adding thereto the following additional proviso:

And provided further, That the tax shall not be collected on real estate purchased in good faith as a permanent investment, and with no view to speculation; the fact to be ascertained by the affidavit of the party making purchase,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Hill, as amended,

It was determined in the negative.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: Strike out "five per cent," section 5, line 4, and insert "two and a half per cent,"

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the amendment by striking out "two and a half" and inserting "two,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: Strike out of the seventh section the words

That in calculating the tax of five per cent on the value of property employed in agriculture, the reduction of three per cent thereof shall be suspended till the value of the tax in kind for eighteen hundred and sixty-four shall be assessed and ascertained,

and insert

That the collection of the tax of two and a half per cent on the value of property employed in agriculture shall be suspended until the value of the tax in kind for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four shall be assessed and ascertained,

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the amendment by striking out "two and a half" and inserting "two,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment as amended was then agreed to.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: Insert the following independent sections:

SEC. —. That there shall be levied and collected on bagging and rope held on the first of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, a tax of one dollar per yard on bagging and one dollar per pound on rope: *Provided*, That this tax shall not apply to bagging and rope held by the planter for his own use, and not for sale.

SEC. —. That there shall be levied and collected on all leather tanned, for sale or on shares, held on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, a tax of twenty-five per cent, to be paid in kind,

It was determined in the negative.

The residue of the amendments reported from the Committee on Finance were then agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the first section the words

Except in case where land, slaves, cotton, or tobacco have been purchased since the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, in which case the said land, slaves, cotton, and tobacco so sold shall be assessed at the price paid for the same by the owner,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the bill by striking out of the first section the third clause, as follows:

III. The value of property taxed under this section shall be assessed on the basis of the market value of the same, or similar property in the neighborhood where assessed in the year eighteen hundred and sixty, except in case where land, slaves, cotton, or tobacco have been purchased since the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, in which case the said land, slaves, cotton, and tobacco so sold shall be assessed at the price paid for the same by the owner,

It was determined in the negative, {	Yeas	5
	Nays	16

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Clay, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, and Phelan.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Caperton, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Reade, Semmes, and Sparrow.

On motion by Mr. Orr, to amend the bill by striking out "for twelve months preceding the passage of this act," section 6, lines 22 and 23,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, to reconsider the vote on agreeing to the following reported amendment, viz: Insert the following independent section:

SEC. —. That the taxes for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four shall be paid in exchequer notes only: *Provided*, That the taxes due under the tax act of twenty-fourth April, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, prior to the passage of this act, may be paid in Treasury notes,

It was determined in the negative, {	Yeas	3
	Nays	16

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Johnson of Arkansas, and Mitchel.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Brown, Caperton, Clay, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Orr, Phelan, Reade, Semmes, and Sparrow.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the Confederate States of America:

I feel impelled, by the condition of the country, earnestly to recommend to your adoption the extension of the conscription already recommended in my annual message of the 7th December last, and to inform you that the preparations made by the enemy for the campaign of the present year warn us that our armies in the field must be reinforced to the utmost possible extent.

The agricultural interests of the country must be protected and fostered, or we shall be unable to raise the supplies necessary for the subsistence of the Army, as well as of the people at home. How is this to be done?

There is no possibility of affording adequate local protection by our armies in the field, which must of necessity be kept concentrated to resist the main columns of the invading forces of the enemy. Our farms and depots can only be protected from destructive raids by the men who remain at home engaged in mechanical, agricultural, and other pursuits.

There are but two modes of rendering these classes available for such purpose. One is by calling them out as militia. The other by enrolling them under Confederate authority. I propose, in a few words, to contrast these modes.

If those left at home are available only as militia, it will become necessary to make requisitions for them on the States, in advance of any pressing necessity for their services, because of the delays which are always involved in obtaining forces under such calls. When called out, it will naturally result that the men will be retained for long periods in the field or in camp, to be ready for emergencies, as they could not, if discharged, be promptly recalled when required. This method of using the reserves will tell with disastrous effect on our agriculture.

On the other hand, troops for local defense and special service, as organized under the act of 21st August, 1861, would afford the Commander in Chief the means of calling out the men embraced in such organizations at a moment's warning, and enable him, without imprudence, to dismiss them the moment the danger had disappeared. They would probably not be absent from the fields and workshops more than two or three weeks at a time, and there would thus be no serious interruption to the productive industry of the country. If the spirit which rendered volunteering so general among all classes of citizens at the beginning of the war were still prevalent, there would be no necessity for the proposed legislation, as the citizens would readily join the organizations provided in the law above mentioned. But as this is not the case, it is necessary that conscription for local defense should replace volunteering.

If Congress should decline to adopt this measure, which my sense of what is needed for the public defense forces me again to urge upon its attention, I am unable to perceive from what source we are to obtain the men necessary not only to repel raids, but to relieve the large number of able-bodied soldiers now detailed from the Army for local service in the States.

I trust that my conviction of the pressing necessity for this legislation in aid of the public defense will be received by Congress as a sufficient justification for this renewal of the recommendation contained in the message addressed to you at the commencement of the present session.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

RICHMOND, VA., February 13, 1864.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs. A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives disagree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 100) to continue in the service, for the war, all the troops now in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 107) to increase the efficiency of the Army by the employment of free negroes and slaves in certain capacities.

On motion by Mr. Mitchel, to amend the bill by inserting after "War," section 1, line 12, "or the commanding general of the Trans-Mississippi Department,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Mitchel, to amend the bill by inserting after "War," section 1, line 18, "or the commanding general of the Trans-Mississippi Department,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Jemison, to amend the bill by striking out the words "such wages as may be agreed upon with said owners for their use and service," section 2, lines 8, 9, and 10, and inserting "eleven dollars per month each,"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Hunter, to amend the bill by striking out the third section thereof,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Mitchel, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the third section the words

Care being taken to allow in each case a credit for all slaves who have been already impressed and who are still in service, or have died or been lost while in service,

Mr. Maxwell demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being then put on agreeing to the amendment proposed by Mr. Mitchel,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hill, to reconsider the vote on agreeing to the amendment proposed by Mr. Mitchel,

Mr. Maxwell demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being then put on agreeing to the motion to reconsider,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment proposed by Mr. Mitchel being again under consideration,

On motion by Mr. Phelan, to amend the same by inserting after "slaves who" the word "may," and by inserting after "impressed" the words "under this act,"

Mr. Maxwell demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being then put on agreeing to the amendment proposed by Mr. Phelan to the amendment proposed by Mr. Mitchel,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Mitchel, as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Jemison, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the third section:

And all impressments under this act shall be taken in equal ratio from all owners in the same locality, city, county, or district,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 100) to continue in the service, for the war, all the troops now in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their amendments, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the said bill, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Sparrow, Mr. Wigfall, and Mr. Johnson of Georgia were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Henry,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The Senate having been again resolved into secret legislative session,

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, that the bill (S. 195) creating the office of ensign in the Army of the Confederate States be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

The Senate having been again resolved into secret legislative session,

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Lamar, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives disagree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 98) to levy additional taxes for the common defense and support of the Government.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 98) to levy additional taxes for the common defense and support of the Government; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Resolved, That the Senate insist on their amendments, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the said bill, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That Mr. Hunter be chairman of the committee of conference on the part of the Senate, and that the other members be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Semmes and Mr. Orr were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Lamar, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives insist on their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 100) to continue in the service, for the war, all the troops now in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States, insisted on by the Senate, agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and have appointed Mr. Chilton, Mr. Holcombe, and Mr. Swan managers at said conference on their part.

The House of Representatives insist on their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 98) to levy additional taxes for the common defense and support of the Government, insisted on by the Senate, agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and have appointed Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Conrad, Mr. Boyce, and Mr. Lewis managers at said conference on their part.

On motion by Mr. Brown,
The Senate resolved into executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February —, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate E. R. Smith, of Kentucky, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of captain, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, WAR DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 12, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of E. R. Smith, of Kentucky, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of captain, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to date from October 31, 1862.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

RICHMOND, VA., February 12, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Postmaster-General, I hereby nominate the persons named upon the annexed list to the offices designated.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
Richmond, February 12, 1864.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following persons for appointment as postmasters, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate:

Sidney E. McMillan, of Marion Court-House, S. C.

E. R. Ives, of Lake City, Fla.

Patrick A. Chalkley, of Proctor's Creek, Va.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN H. REAGAN,
Postmaster-General.

The PRESIDENT.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 11, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 43.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 11, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Quartermasters—majors.

F. A. Malone, of Mississippi, to take rank from December 18, 1863.

F. Ducayet, of Louisiana, to take rank from December 11, 1863.

A. Sigourney, of Virginia, to take rank from December 7, 1863.

Ed. A. Burk, of Georgia, to take rank from December 11, 1863.

R. B. Marye, of Virginia, to take rank from January 17, 1864.

Assistant quartermasters—captains.

Benjamin H. Smith, of Virginia, to take rank from January 1, 1864.

B. W. Henry, of Mississippi, to take rank from January 5, 1864.

Elijah C. Cuthbert, of North Carolina, to take rank from January 9, 1864.

Fred. Emory, of Maryland, to take rank from January 16, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 12, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 45.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 12, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS-GENERAL.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. W. H. Sellers, of Texas, to take rank from February 6, 1864.

Maj. E. H. Cunningham, of Texas, to take rank from February 6, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 11, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 44.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 11, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Major-general.

Brig. Gen. J. Patton Anderson, of Florida, to rank from date of confirmation.

Brigadier-general.

Col. Allen Thomas, of Louisiana, to take rank from February 4, 1864.

Aids-de-camp—first lieutenants.

J. J. Wharton, of Virginia, to take rank from November 1, 1863.

Theodore S. Garnett, of Virginia, to take rank from January 27, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the nomination of William D. Harrison, to be surgeon in the Navy, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Clark,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

Mr. Johnson of Arkansas (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 33) of thanks to Lieut. Gen. E. Kirby Smith, for the battle of Richmond, Ky., and to his lieutenants so specially commended by him, and to all the officers and soldiers of his command in that battle;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Baker,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Alexander M. Moffett, praying the passage of an act refunding certain moneys expended by him on behalf of the Government.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 150) to limit and define the term of office of the Secretary or principal officer of each of the Executive Departments, established by the several acts entitled "An act to organize the Department of State," "An act to establish the Treasury Department," "An act to establish the War Department," "An act to establish the Navy Department," "An act to establish the Post-Office Department," "An act to organize and establish an executive department, to be

known as the Department of Justice," all of which acts were approved February 21, 1861; and

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Henry (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 230) to amend an act to establish the flag of the Confederate States;

which was read the first and second times and ordered to be placed upon the Calendar.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 11th instant he approved and signed an act (H. R. 96) to authorize the issue of certificates for interest on the fifteen million loan.

The House of Representatives have agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 114) to provide for increasing the price of the rations for sick and wounded soldiers in hospitals.

And they have passed a bill (H. R. 126) to facilitate the settlement of the claims of deceased officers and soldiers; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives insist on their disagreement to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 109) to increase the compensation of certain officers of the Treasury, insisted on by the Senate, ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and have appointed Mr. Miles, Mr. Barksdale, and Mr. Hilton managers at the said conference on their part.

The bill (H. R. 126) to facilitate the settlement of the claims of deceased officers and soldiers was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendment, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 109) to increase the compensation of certain officers of the Treasury; and

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Resolved, That the Senate recede from their amendment to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 20) for the relief of Maj. W. F. Haines; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 229) to amend an act entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America," approved March 16, 1861; and

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

S. 179. An act making allowances to officers of the Navy of the Confederate States, under certain circumstances, and to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the organization of the Navy," approved March 16, 1861;

S. 29. Joint resolution of thanks to the troops reenlisting for the war from the State of Georgia;

S. 30. Joint resolution of thanks to certain Virginia regiments who have reenlisted for the war;

H. R. 118. An act to authorize the purchase and publication of a digest of the laws of the Confederate States;

H. R. 35. Joint resolution of thanks to Virginia troops stationed at Drewry's Bluff;

H. R. 36. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of the Twenty-eighth and Thirteenth regiments of North Carolina troops;

H. R. 37. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of the Third Georgia Regiment;

H. R. 38. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of the Twenty-second Virginia Regiment;

H. R. 40. Joint resolution of thanks to the Sixteenth Mississippi Regiment; and

H. R. 44. Joint resolution of thanks to the Forty-sixth and Fifty-fifth regiments of Tennessee Volunteers at Mobile.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Hill, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 75) to amend an act to regulate impressments, approved March 26, 1863, and to repeal an act amendatory thereof, approved April 27, 1863, reported:

That having met, and fully and freely conferred in relation to the said disagreeing votes, they have agreed to recommend, and do hereby recommend, to their respective Houses as follows, to wit:

That the House of Representatives do concur in the amendment of the Senate in the following words, to wit: "Strike out the first section of the bill."

That the House of Representatives do concur in the amendment of the Senate in the following words, to wit: "In line 4, section 4, strike out all after the word 'impressment,' down to and including the word 'away,' in line 6."

That the Senate recede from their amendment in the following words, to wit: "Strike out section eight."

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Resolved, That the Senate concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 212) to amend the acts of April 1, 1862, and September 23, 1862.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to amend the bill by inserting at the end of the second section the following proviso:

Provided, That the said storekeepers shall be appointed from persons who are disqualified for active service by reason of wounds received in the military service, or disease contracted whilst in the Army, or from persons over forty-five years of age,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 213) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide and organize engineer troops to serve during the war," approved March 20, 1863; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 187) declaring persons owing military service to the Confederate States, and who seek to avoid such service by removing beyond the control and jurisdiction of said States, alien enemies, and subjecting their property to confiscation; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 198) to provide for the organization of a bureau of polytechnics for the examination, experiment, and application of warlike inventions, and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Wigfall, it was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

S. 178. An act to provide payment for certain printing therein mentioned, done by authority of the two Houses of Congress;

S. 204. An act to provide and organize a general staff for armies in the field, to serve during the war;

S. 31. Joint resolution of thanks to Commander John Taylor Wood and the officers and men under his command for daring and brilliant conduct;

S. 32. Joint resolution of thanks to the Fifteenth, Twenty-seventh, and Thirtieth regiments of North Carolina troops for their patriotic devotion in reenlisting for the war;

H. R. 114. An act to increase the commutation value of hospital rations;

H. R. 119. An act to provide for holding elections for Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States of America from the State of Arkansas;

H. R. 29. Joint resolution for the relief of Maj. Henry R. Hooper;

H. R. 39. Joint resolution of thanks to Hart's battery, Hampton Legion, South Carolina Volunteers;

H. R. 48. Joint resolution of thanks to the soldiers from the State of Alabama who have reenlisted for the war;

H. R. 49. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of the Seventh and Twelfth regiments of Virginia troops; and

H. R. 50. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of Lomax's brigade.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Dortch,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 105) to provide an invalid corps; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *February 15, 1864.*

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith submit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of War, covering an estimate for an additional appropriation required by the War Department.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *February 15, 1864.*

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your information communications from the Secretary of War, covering copies of several additional reports of military operations.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 217) to amend the several acts in regard to military courts, and to create courts for divisions of cavalry; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 222) relating to the appointment of a general and lieutenant-generals; and the bill having been amended on the motion of Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, by striking out the fourth section, it was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

On the question,

Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 8
Nays 8

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Clark, Hill, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Mitchel, and Oldham.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Caperton, Clay, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Jemison, Phelan, and Reade.

On motion by Mr. Mitchel, the last-mentioned vote was reconsidered.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said bill; and

On the question,

Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 12
Nays 4

On motion by Mr. Mitchel,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Caperton, Clark, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Jemison, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Mitchel, and Oldham.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Clay, Dortch, Phelan, and Reade.

So it was

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Phelan, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 122) to fix the compensation for the publication in the public gazettes of the acts of Congress, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Phelan (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 231) to attach the county of Noxubee, in the State of Mississippi, to the southern judicial division of said State; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 205) to amend an act entitled "An act to punish drunkenness in the Army," approved April 21, 1862; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Lamar, their Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 75) to amend an act to regulate impressments, approved March 26, 1863, and to repeal an act amendatory thereof, approved April 27, 1863.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 148) relating to exchanged or paroled Confederate prisoners, who may have been, or may hereafter, be captured by the enemy west of the Mississippi River; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question,

Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas -----	4
	{ Nays -----	11

On motion by Mr. Mitchel,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Clark, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, and Mitchel.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Caperton, Clay, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Jemison, Maxwell, Oldham, Phelan, and Reade.

So the bill was rejected.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *February 15, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

In response to your resolution of December 24, 1863, I herewith transmit for your information a communication from the Secretary of War, submitting copies of the charges and specifications, and of the accompanying papers, in the case of Maj. H. C. Guerin, commissary of subsistence.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That it be transferred to the Secret Legislative Calendar.

On motion by Mr. Clark,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of a resolution inquiring into the expediency of reporting a bill to reform the system of enrollments, etc.

Mr. Phelan, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 43) to print and distribute to the Army copies of the President's address to the soldiers of the Confederate States, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

The hour of half past 3 o'clock having arrived,

The Senate took a recess until 7 o'clock p. m.

7 O'CLOCK P. M.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 92) to tax, fund, and limit the currency have leave to sit during the sessions of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war have leave to sit during the sessions of the Senate.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

H. R. 101. An act making additional appropriation of secret service money; and

H. R. 113. An act to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Dortch,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, Richmond, February 15, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Stanhope Posey, of Mississippi, to be assistant adjutant-general, with rank of captain, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 13, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Stanhope Posey, of Mississippi, to be assistant adjutant-general, with rank of captain, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to date from January 23, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 15, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate S. S. Harris, of Alabama, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of captain, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 13, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of S. S. Harris, of Alabama, to be assistant adjutant-general, with rank of captain, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to date from February 6, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 15, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 48.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 13, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Assistant commissaries—captains.

L. F. Choice, of Georgia, to take rank from January 7, 1864.

Alex. Dawson, of Georgia, to take rank from January 7, 1864.

William G. Mood, jr., of South Carolina, to take rank from January 14, 1864.

S. W. Whiting, of Mississippi, to take rank from September 20, 1863.

W. H. Murrell, of Missouri, to take rank from October 6, 1863.

J. L. Hudson, of Mississippi, to take rank from February 4, 1864.

Archibald Roy, of Virginia, to take rank from February 9, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 15, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 47.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 13, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Commissaries—majors.

S. V. Reid, of Virginia, to take rank from January 16, 1864.

O. C. Boone, of Tennessee, to take rank from May 4, 1863.

J. J. Beauchamp, of Mississippi, to take rank from January 23, 1864.

Assistant commissary—captain.

G. H. Leigh, of Texas, to take rank from May 15, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 13, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 31.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, January 26, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS-GENERAL.

Majors.

E. L. Moore, of Virginia, to take rank from January 6, 1864.

James R. Shaler, of Missouri, to take rank from January 23, 1864.

Arthur McGinnis, of Missouri, to take rank from January 23, 1864.

Captains.

A. C. Sorrel, of Georgia, to take rank from December 3, 1863.

R. S. Abercrombie, of Alabama, to take rank from November 16, 1863.

John R. Ely, of Florida, to take rank from December 4, 1863.

E. H. Gregory, of Virginia, to take rank from January 6, 1864.

Henry Waldrop, of Arkansas, to take rank from September 15, 1863.

Clifton Walker, of Alabama, to take rank from January 18, 1864.

John J. Horner, of Arkansas, to take rank from January 15, 1864.

Fred. R. Blake, of South Carolina, to take rank from January 17, 1864.

W. S. Oldham, jr., of Texas, to take rank from January 13, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nominations of James R. Shaler and Arthur McGinnis, to be assistant adjutants-general, with the rank of major; Henry Waldrop, John J. Horner, and W. S. Oldham, jr., to be assistant adjutants-general, with the rank of captain; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Ordered, That the residue of the nominations be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Clay,
The Senate resolved into open session.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills and a joint resolution of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 199. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts," approved October 9, 1862;

S. 200. An act to confer additional powers upon courts-martial and military courts;

S. 203. An act to amend the sixty-fifth article of war;

S. 218. An act to amend the act entitled "An act to provide and organize engineer troops to serve during the war," approved 20th March, 1863; and

S. 33. Joint resolution of thanks to Lieut. Gen. E. Kirby Smith, for the battle of Richmond, Ky., and to his lieutenants so specially commended by him, and to all the officers and soldiers of his command in that battle.

They have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 164) to repeal an act regulating the granting of furloughs and discharges in hospitals, approved May 1, 1863, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And they have passed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 127. An act to authorize the Postmaster-General to settle the accounts of mail contractors in cases where they have been prevented from executing their contracts by incursions of the public enemy;

H. R. 128. An act to authorize the promotion of officers, noncommissioned officers, and privates for distinguished skill or valor;

H. R. 129. An act to repeal an act to organize bands of partisan rangers, approved April 21, 1862, and for other purposes;

H. R. 130. An act to authorize the organization of auxiliary bureaus of the War Department west of the Mississippi River;

H. R. 131. An act to authorize the appointment of two additional clerks for the Navy Department;

H. R. 132. An act to authorize the increase of compensation to route and special agents of the Post-Office Department;

H. R. 133. An act to organize a corps of scouts and signal guards to facilitate communication with the Trans-Mississippi Department;

H. R. 51. Joint resolution of thanks to the Surry Light Artillery;

H. R. 52. Joint resolution construing an act to increase the compensation of certain civil officers and employees in the President's office and in the executive and legislative departments at Richmond for a limited period, approved January 30, 1864;

H. R. 53. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of McGowan's brigade, consisting of Orr's Rifles, the First, Twelfth, Thirteenth, and Fourteenth regiments of South Carolina Volunteers;

H. R. 54. Joint resolution of thanks to the Pee Dee Artillery of South Carolina Volunteers; and

H. R. 55. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of Poague's Artillery Battalion for reenlisting during the war.

Mr. Maxwell presented the credentials of the Hon. James M. Baker, elected a Senator by the general assembly of the State of Florida for the term of six years from the 18th day of February, 1864; which were read.

Mr. Clark submitted the following motion for consideration:

Ordered, That the vote by which the Senate rejected the bill (S. 148) relating to exchanged or paroled Confederate prisoners, who may have been, or may hereafter be, captured by the enemy west of the Mississippi River, be reconsidered.

On motion by Mr. Dortch,

Ordered, That the privilege of the floor of the Senate be extended to Gen. Braxton Bragg.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 123) to authorize the payment of mileage and salary to members-elect of the Second Congress of the Confederate States, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 228) in relation to trading with the enemy.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the following bills:

H. R. 126. A bill to facilitate the settlement of the claims of deceased officers and soldiers; and

S. 229. A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to establish the judicial courts of the Confederate States of America," approved March 16, 1861, reported them severally, with the recommendation that they ought not to pass.

Mr. Phelan, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 120) to authorize the impressment of meat for the use of the Army under certain circumstances, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: I am directed by the House of Representatives to request that the Senate will return to the House the bill (H. R. 132) to authorize the increase of compensation to route and special agents of the Post-Office Department.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said message; and

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the bill (H. R. 132) last mentioned be returned to the House of Representatives, agreeably to their request.

The bill (H. R. 127) to authorize the Postmaster-General to settle the accounts of mail contractors in cases where they have been prevented from executing their contracts by incursions of the public enemy was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

The following bills were severally read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs:

H. R. 128. An act to authorize the promotion of officers, noncommissioned officers, and privates for distinguished skill or valor;

H. R. 129. An act to repeal an act to organize bands of partisan rangers, approved April 21, 1862, and for other purposes;

H. R. 130. An act to authorize the organization of auxiliary bureaus of the War Department west of the Mississippi River; and

H. R. 133. An act to organize a corps of scouts and signal guards to facilitate communication with the Trans-Mississippi Department.

The bill (H. R. 131) to authorize the appointment of two additional clerks for the Navy Department was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following joint resolutions were severally read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole:

H. R. 51. Joint resolution of thanks to the Surry Light Artillery;

H. R. 52. Joint resolution construing an act to increase the compensation of certain civil officers and employees in the President's office and in the executive and legislative departments at Richmond for a limited period, approved January 30, 1864;

H. R. 53. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of McGowan's brigade, consisting of Orr's Rifles, First, Twelfth, Thirteenth, and Fourteenth regiments of South Carolina Volunteers;

H. R. 54. Joint resolution of thanks to the Pee Dee Artillery of South Carolina Volunteers; and

H. R. 55. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of Poague's Artillery Battalion for reenlisting during the war; and no amendment being proposed, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said resolutions were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 164) to repeal an act regulating the granting of furloughs and discharges in hospitals, approved May 1, 1863; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 146) to authorize the creditors of the Government to receive their dues in eight per cent Confederate bonds, and for other purposes; and

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed indefinitely.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 185) for the relief of Capt. William W. Paine, assistant quartermaster of the First Georgia Regulars; and

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, reported

A bill (S. 232) in relation to the qualification of State collectors; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States, on the 15th instant, approved and signed the following act and joint resolutions:

S. 178. An act to provide payment for certain printing therein mentioned, done by authority of the two Houses of Congress;

S. 29. Joint resolution of thanks to the troops reenlisting for the war from the State of Georgia;

S. 30. Joint resolution of thanks to certain Virginia regiments who have reenlisted for the war;

S. 31. Joint resolution of thanks to Commander John Taylor Wood and the officers and men under his command for daring and brilliant conduct; and

S. 32. Joint resolution of thanks to the Fifteenth, Twenty-seventh, and Thirtieth regiments of North Carolina troops for their patriotic devotion in reenlisting for the war.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 90) to make additional appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1864, with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

H. R. 75. An act to amend an act to regulate impressments, approved March 26, 1863, and to repeal an act amendatory thereof, approved April 27, 1863;

H. R. 82. An act to grant a special copyright to W. J. Hardee and S. H. Goetzl for Hardee's Rifle and Infantry Tactics;

H. R. 109. An act to increase the compensation of certain officers of the Treasury;

H. R. 112. An act to authorize the President to establish additional military courts;

H. R. 124. An act to amend the act entitled "An act to organize the Territory of Arizona;"

S. 174. An act to authorize the issue of certain bonds for the payment to the Florida and Alabama Railroad Company, of the State of Florida;

S. 210. An act to aid any State in communicating with and perfecting records concerning its troops;

H. R. 20. Joint resolution for the relief of Maj. W. F. Haines;

H. R. 45. Joint resolution of thanks to the Ninth Alabama Regiment;

H. R. 46. Joint resolution of thanks to the Fifteenth and Twenty-seventh regiments of North Carolina troops, Cooke's brigade; and

H. R. 47. Joint resolution of thanks to the enlisted men of Douglas' (Texas) battery.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendments of the Senate to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 90) to make additional appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1864; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., February 15, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

In response to your resolution of the 12th instant, I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, conveying the information asked for relative to Gen. A. R. Lawton and Gen. J. B. Gordon.

The terms of the inquiry to which this reply is made suggest the propriety of informing the Senate that other general officers, who have been wounded in battle and separated from their commands, have been regarded as having a continuing right to receive the prescribed pay and allowances of their grade, notwithstanding the appointment of others to supply the want created by their indefinite absence. For example, the recent nominations of brigadier-generals who had been selected to command the brigades of Gen. W. H. F. Lee, of Virginia, and of Gen. D. W. Adams, of Louisiana, were not intended to vacate the commissions or to suspend the pay of those gallant officers, but to use the authority to appoint supernumerary generals for one of the purposes for which it was understood to have been given.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The hour of half past 3 o'clock having arrived,

The Senate took a recess until 7 o'clock p. m.

7 O'CLOCK P. M.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 134. An act to repeal certain portions of the act of May 21, 1861, relative to prisoners of war;

H. R. 135. An act supplemental to the several acts in relation to public printing;
H. R. 56. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of the Thirty-seventh Regiment of North Carolina troops; and
H. R. 57. Joint resolution explanatory of the act entitled "An act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government," approved the 24th day of April, 1863.

Mr. Caperton (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 236) to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to establish a volunteer navy,' approved eleventh February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four;" which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 43) to print and distribute to the Army copies of the President's address to the soldiers of the Confederate States; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question,

Shall the resolution be read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

So the resolution was rejected.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The bill (H. R. 134) to repeal certain portions of the act of May 21, 1861, relative to prisoners of war, was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The bill (H. R. 135) supplemental to the several acts in relation to public printing was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Printing.

The joint resolution (H. R. 56) of thanks to the officers and men of the Thirty-seventh Regiment of North Carolina troops was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, to amend the bill by striking out of the enacting clause the words "*do resolve*" and inserting before "*The Congress*" the words "*Resolved by*,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed, the resolution was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the resolution pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time as amended.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The joint resolution (H. R. 57) explanatory of the act entitled "An act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government," approved the 24th day of April, 1863, was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 133) to organize a corps of scouts and signal guards to facilitate communication with the Trans-Mississippi Department, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and

On motion by Mr. Mitchel,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed indefinitely.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 222) relating to the appointment of a general and lieutenant-generals.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

On motion by Mr. Hunter,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

On motion by Mr. Mitchel,

The Senate adjourned.

SECRET SESSION.

Mr. Semmes, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 92) to tax, fund, and limit the currency, reported:

That they have had the same under consideration, and have agreed to recommend as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments, and that the House bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting as follows:

"That the holders of all Treasury notes above the denomination of five dollars not bearing interest, shall be allowed until the first day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, east of the Mississippi River, and until the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, west of the Mississippi River, to fund the same; and, until the periods, and at the places stated, the holders of all such Treasury notes shall be allowed to fund the same in registered bonds, payable twenty years after their date, bearing interest at the rate of four per cent per annum payable on the first day of January and July of each year.

"SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to issue the bonds required for the funding provided for in the preceding section, and until the bonds can be prepared, he may issue certificates to answer the purpose. Such bonds and certificates shall be receivable without interest in payment of all Government dues payable in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four, except export and import duties.

"SEC. 3. That all Treasury notes of the denomination of one hundred dollars, not bearing interest, which shall not be presented for funding under the provisions of the first section of this act, shall from and after the first day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, east of the Mississippi River, and the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, west of the Mississippi River, cease to be receivable in payment of public dues, and said notes if not so presented at that time, shall, in addition to the tax of thirty-three and one-third cents imposed in the fourth section of this act, be subject to a tax of ten per cent per month until so presented, which taxes shall attach to said notes wherever circulated, and shall be deducted from the face of said

notes whenever presented for payment or for funding, and said notes shall not be exchangeable for the new issue of Treasury notes provided for in this act.

"SEC. 4. That on all said Treasury notes not funded or used in payment of taxes at the dates and places prescribed in the first section of this act, there shall be levied, at said dates and places, a tax of thirty-three and one-third cents for every dollar promised on the face of said notes. Said tax shall attach to said notes wherever circulated, and shall be collected by deducting the same at the Treasury, its depositories, and by the tax collectors, and by all Government officers receiving the same, whenever presented for payment, or for funding, or in payment of Government dues, or for postage, or in exchange for new notes as hereinafter provided; and said Treasury notes shall be fundable in bonds as provided in the first section of this act until the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, at the rate of sixty-six and two-thirds cents on the dollar. And it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury at any time between the first of April, east, and the first of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, west of the Mississippi River, and the first January, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, to substitute and exchange new Treasury notes for the same, at the rate of sixty-six and two-thirds cents in the dollar: *Provided*, That notes of the denomination of one hundred dollars shall not be entitled to the privilege of said exchange: *Provided further*, That the right to fund any of said Treasury notes after the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, is hereby taken away: *And provided further*, That upon all such Treasury notes which may remain outstanding on the first January, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and which may not be exchanged for new Treasury notes, as herein provided, a tax of one hundred per cent is hereby imposed.

"SEC. 5. That after the first day of April next, all authority heretofore given to the Secretary of the Treasury to issue Treasury notes shall be, and the same is hereby, revoked: *Provided*, The Secretary of the Treasury may, after that time, issue new Treasury notes in such form as he may prescribe, payable two years after the ratification of a treaty of peace with the United States, said new issues to be receivable in payment of all public dues, except export and import duties, and to be issued in exchange for old notes, at the rate of two dollars of the new for three dollars of the old issues, whether said old notes be surrendered for exchange by the holders thereof or be received into the Treasury under the provisions of this act; and the holders of the new notes or of the old notes, except those of the denomination of one hundred dollars, after they are reduced to sixty-six and two-thirds cents on the dollar, by the tax aforesaid, may convert the same into call certificates, bearing interest at the rate of four per cent per annum, and payable two years after the ratification of a treaty of peace with the United States, unless sooner converted into new notes.

"SEC. 6. That to pay the expenses of the Government not otherwise provided for, the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to issue six per cent bonds to an amount not exceeding five hundred millions of dollars, the principal and interest whereof shall be free from taxation, and for the payment of the interest thereon the entire net receipts of any export duty hereafter laid on the value of all cotton, tobacco, and naval stores which shall be exported from the Confederate States, and the net proceeds of the import duties now laid, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay annually the interest, are hereby specially pledged: *Provided*, That the duties now laid upon imports and hereby pledged shall hereafter be made in specie, or in sterling exchange, or in the coupons of said bonds.

"SEC. 7. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized, from time to time, as the wants of the Treasury may require it, to sell or hypothecate for Treasury notes said bonds, or any part thereof, upon the best terms he can, so as to meet appropriations by Congress, and at the same time reduce and restrict the amount of the circulation in Treasury notes within reasonable and safe limits.

"SEC. 8. The bonds authorized by the sixth section of this act may be either registered or coupon bonds, as the parties taking them may elect, and they may be exchanged for each other under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe. They shall be for one hundred dollars, or some multiple of one hundred dollars, and shall, together with the coupons thereto attached, be in such form and of such authentication as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe. The interest shall be payable half yearly on the first January and July in each year; the principal shall be payable not less than thirty years from their date.

"SEC. 9. All call certificates shall be fundable, and shall be taxed in all respects as is provided for the Treasury notes, into which they are convertible. If not converted before the time fixed for taxing the Treasury notes, such certificate shall from that time bear interest upon only sixty-six and two-thirds cents for every dollar promised upon their face, and shall be redeemable only in new Treasury notes at that rate, but after the passage of this act no call certificates shall be issued until after the first day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

"SEC. 10. That if any bank of deposit shall give its depositors the bonds authorized by the first section of this act in exchange for their deposits, and specify the same on the bonds by some distinctive mark or token, to be agreed upon with the Secretary of the Treasury, then the said depositor shall be entitled to receive the amount of said bonds in Treasury notes bearing no interest and outstanding at the passage of this act: *Provided*, The said bonds are presented before the privilege of funding said notes at par shall cease, as herein prescribed.

"SEC. 11. That all Treasury notes heretofore issued, of the denomination of five dollars, shall continue to be receivable in payment of public dues, as provided by law, and fundable at par under the provisions of this act, until the first of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, east, and until the first October, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, west of the Mississippi River, but after that time they shall be subjected to a tax of thirty-three and one-third cents on every dollar promised on the face thereof, said tax to attach to said notes wherever circulated, and said notes to be fundable and exchangeable for new Treasury notes, as herein provided, subject to the deduction of said tax.

"SEC. 12. That any State holding Treasury notes received before the times herein fixed for taxing said notes, shall be allowed until the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, to fund the same in six per cent bonds of the Confederate States, payable twenty years after date, and the interest payable semiannually. But all Treasury notes received by any State after the time fixed for taxing the same, as aforesaid, shall be held to have been received diminished by the amount of said tax. The discrimination between the notes subject to the tax and those not so subject shall be left to the good faith of each State, and the certificate of the governor thereof shall in each case be conclusive.

"SEC. 13. That Treasury notes heretofore issued, bearing interest at the rate of seven dollars and thirty cents on the hundred dollars per annum, shall no longer be received in payment of public dues, but shall be deemed and considered bonds of the Confederate States, payable two years after a ratification of a treaty of peace with the United States, bearing the rate of interest specified on their faces, payable on the first January in each and every year.

"SEC. 14. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized, in case the exigencies of the Government should require it, to pay the demand of any public creditor whose debt may be contracted after the passage of this act; willing to receive the same, in a certificate of indebtedness, to be issued by said Secretary in such form as he may deem proper, payable two years after the ratification of a treaty of peace with the United States, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable semiannually, and transferable only by special indorsement under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, and said certificates shall be exempt from taxation in principal and interest.

"SEC. 15. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to increase the number of depositories so as to meet the requirements of this act, and with that view to employ some of the banks of the several States as he may deem expedient.

"SEC. 16. The Secretary of the Treasury shall forthwith advertise this act in such newspapers published in the several States, and by such other means as shall secure immediate publicity, and the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy shall each cause it to be published in general orders for the information of the Army and Navy.

"SEC. 17. The forty-second section of the act for the assessment and collection of taxes, approved May first, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, is hereby repealed.

"SEC. 18. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and required, upon the application of the holder of any call certificates—which by the first section of the act to provide for the funding and further issue of Treasury notes, approved March twenty-third, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, was required to be thereafter deemed to be a bond—to issue to such holder a bond therefor upon the terms provided by said act."

And that the title of the bill be amended so as to read as follows: "An act to reduce the currency, and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds."

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 92) to tax, fund, and limit the currency; and

On the question to concur therein,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas -----	14
	{ Nays -----	7

On motion by Mr. Jemison,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,
Messrs. Baker, Burnett, Caperton, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hill,
Hunter, Maxwell, Oldham, Orr, Phelan, Semmes, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,
Messrs. Clark, Clay, Jemison. Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, and Reade.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate concur in said report and that the bill be amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Semmes, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 98) to levy additional taxes for the common defense and support of the Government, reported:

That they have had the same under consideration, and have agreed to recommend as follows:

That the Senate recede from its first amendment.

That the Senate recede from its second amendment, and that in section 1, paragraph I, of the House bill be stricken out, after the word "cent," in the eleventh line, to the word "*Provided*," in the fifteenth line.

That the Senate recede from its third amendment, and that the House bill be amended by striking out all after the word "Government," in the nineteenth line of paragraph I, section 1, to the end of the paragraph, and inserting: "*Provided*, That no credit shall be allowed beyond five per cent."

That the Senate's fourth amendment be amended by striking out the word "sold" and inserting in lieu thereof "purchased," and by inserting before the word "paid" the word "actually," and that thus amended the said amendment be agreed to.

That the Senate's fifth amendment be agreed to.

That the Senate recede from its sixth amendment, and that paragraphs III and IV of the second section be entitled "section 2."

That the Senate recede from its seventh amendment.

That the Senate recede from its eighth amendment.

That the Senate's ninth amendment be agreed to.

That the Senate recede from its tenth amendment.

That the Senate recede from its eleventh amendment, and that the House bill be amended by striking out all of paragraph II, section 3, after the word "exclusive," in the twelfth line, and inserting: "of noninterest-bearing Confederate Treasury notes, and not employed in a registered business, the income derived from which is taxed five per cent."

That the Senate recede from its twelfth amendment, and that section 4 of the House bill be amended as follows, to wit:

1. In paragraph I, strike out all after "January," in the twenty-fourth line, and insert "eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and the first of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, ten per cent in addition to the tax on such profits as income under the act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States, approved April twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three."

2. In paragraph II, strike out all after "therein," in the thirtieth line, and insert "ten per cent in addition to the tax on such profits as income under the act aforesaid."

3. In paragraph III, line 32, strike out "eighteen hundred and sixty-two."

4. Strike out paragraph IV.

That the Senate recede from its thirteenth amendment, and that the House bill be amended by striking out section 5.

That the Senate recede from its fourteenth amendment.

That the Senate recede from its fifteenth amendment.

That the Senate recede from its sixteenth amendment.

That the Senate's seventeenth amendment be agreed to.

That the Senate's eighteenth amendment be agreed to, and that the House bill be amended by adding at the end of paragraph III, section 6: "*Provided*, That the above exemptions shall not apply to any person whose property, exclusive of household furniture, shall be assessed at a value exceeding one thousand dollars."

That the Senate recede from its nineteenth amendment, and that the House bill be amended by striking out the fourth paragraph of section 6 and inserting in lieu thereof:

"IV. That where property has been injured or destroyed by the enemy, or the owner thereof has been temporarily deprived of the use or occupancy thereof, or of the means of cultivating the same by reason of the presence or proximity of the enemy, the assessment on such property may be reduced in proportion to the damage sustained by the owner, or the tax assessed thereon may be reduced in the same ratio by the district collector on satisfactory evidence submitted to him by the owner or assessor."

That the Senate recede from the twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-second, twenty-third, and twenty-fourth amendments, and that the House bill be amended by striking out the seventh section and inserting in lieu thereof as follows, to wit:

"SEC. 7. That the taxes on property laid for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four shall be assessed as on the day of the passage of this act, and be due and collected on the first day of June next, or as soon after as practicable, allowing an extension of ninety days west of the Mississippi River. The additional taxes on incomes or profits for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-three levied by this act shall be assessed and collected forthwith, and the taxes on incomes or profits for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four shall be assessed and collected according to the provisions of the tax and assessment acts of eighteen hundred and sixty-three."

That the Senate recede from its twenty-fifth amendment, and that the House bill be amended by adding at the end of the eighth section as follows: "And no estimated rent, hire, or interest on property or credits herein taxed ad valorem shall be assessed or taxed as income under the tax act of eighteen hundred and sixty-three."

That the Senate recede from its twenty-sixth amendment.

That the following be added as an independent section, to wit:

"SEC. —. That the tax imposed by this act on bonds of the Confederate States heretofore issued shall in no case exceed the interest on the same, and when held by or for minors or lunatics shall be exempt from the tax in all cases where the interest on the same shall not exceed one thousand dollars."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report; and
On the question to concur therein,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas.....	15
	{ Nays.....	4

On motion by Mr. Jemison,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Burnett, Caperton, Clay, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Arkansas, Maxwell, Orr, Phelan, Semmes, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Jemison, Johnson of Missouri, Oldham, and Reade.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate concur in said report and that the bill be amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Phelan (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 233) to exempt from taxation all money or other funds held by the association for the relief of maimed soldiers; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Orr (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 234) to make coupons of certain six per cent bonds a legal tender in payment of all debts; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question,

Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas 9
Nays 13

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Burnett, Clark, Henry, Johnson of Arkansas, Orr, Phelan, Semmes, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Clay, Dortch, Haynes, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Reade, and Wigfall.

So the bill was rejected.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 92) to tax, fund, and limit the currency.

Mr. Sparrow, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war, reported:

That they have met the managers on the part of the House, and, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses the following, to wit:

That the House recede from its amendment, by way of substitute to the Senate bill, and that the following amendment be adopted by the two Houses, to wit: Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert as follows:

"That from and after the passage of this act all white men, residents of the Confederate States, between the ages of seventeen and fifty, shall be in the military service of the Confederate States for the war.

"Sec. 2. That all the persons aforesaid, between the ages of eighteen and forty-five, now in service, shall be retained during the present war with the United States in the same regiments, battalions, and companies to which they belong at the passage of this act, with the same organization and officers, unless regularly transferred or discharged in accordance with the laws and regulations for the government of the Army: *Provided*, That companies from one State, organized against their consent, expressed at the time, with regiments or battalions from another State, shall have the privilege of being transferred to organizations of troops in the same arm of the service from the States in which said companies were raised, and the soldiers from one State in companies from another State shall be allowed, if they desire it, a transfer to organizations from their own State in the same arm of the service.

"Sec. 3. That at the expiration of six months from the first day of April next, a bounty of one hundred dollars, in a six per cent Government bond, which the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to issue, shall be paid to every noncommissioned officer, musician, and private who shall then be in the service, or, in the event of his death previous to the period of such payment, then to the person or persons who would be entitled to receive the arrearages of his pay, but no one shall be entitled to the bounty herein provided who shall at any time during the period of six months next after the said first day of April be absent from his command without leave.

"Sec. 4. That no person shall be relieved from the operation of this act by reason of having been heretofore discharged from the Army where no disability now exists, nor shall those who have furnished substitutes be any longer exempted by reason thereof: *Provided*, That no person heretofore exempted on account of religious opinions, and who has paid the tax levied to relieve him from service, shall be required to render military service under this act.

"Sec. 5. That all white male residents of the Confederate States between the ages of seventeen and eighteen and forty-five and fifty years shall enroll themselves at such times and places and under such regulations as the President may prescribe, the time allowed not being less than thirty days for those east and sixty days for those west of the Mississippi River, and any person who shall fail so to enroll himself without a reasonable excuse therefor, to be judged of by the President, shall be placed in service in the field for the war in the same manner as though he were between the ages of eighteen and forty-five: *Provided*, That the persons mentioned in this section shall constitute a reserve for State defense and detail duty, and shall not be required to perform service out of the State in which they reside.

"Sec. 6. That all persons required by the fifth section of this act to enroll themselves may, within thirty days after the passage hereof, east of the Mississippi River, and within sixty days if west of said river, form themselves into voluntary organizations of companies, battalions, or regiments and elect their own officers—said organizations to conform to the existing law, and having so organized, to tender their services as volunteers during the war to the President, and if such organization shall furnish proper muster rolls, as now required, and deposit a copy thereof with the enrolling officer of their district (which shall be equivalent to enrollment), they may be accepted as minute men for the service in such State; but in no event to be taken out of it. Those who do not so volunteer and organize shall enroll themselves as before provided, and may by the President be required to assemble at places of rendezvous and be formed into companies, battalions, and regiments, under regulations to be prescribed by him, and shall have the right to elect their company and regimental officers, and all troops organized under this act for State defense shall be entitled while in actual service to the same pay and allowances as troops in the field.

"Sec. 7. That any person who shall fail to attend at the place of rendezvous, as required by the authority of the President, without a sufficient excuse, to be judged of by him, shall be liable to be placed in service in the field for the war as if he were between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years.

"Sec. 8. That hereafter the duties of provost and hospital guards and clerks, of clerks, guards, agents, employees, or laborers in the Commissary's and Quartermaster's Departments, in the Ordnance Department, and clerks and employees of navy agents, as also in the execution of the enrollment acts and all similar duties, shall be performed by persons who are within the ages of eighteen and forty-five years, and who, by the report of a board of army surgeons, shall be reported as unable to perform active service in the field, but capable of performing some of the above-named duties, specifying which, and when those persons shall have been assigned to those duties as far as practicable the President shall detail or assign to their performance such bodies of troops or individuals, required to be enrolled under the fifth section of this act, as may be needed for the discharge of such duties: *Provided*, That persons between the ages of seventeen and eighteen shall not be assigned to these duties: *Provided further*, That nothing contained in this act shall be so construed as to prevent the President from detailing artisans, mechanics, or persons of scientific skill to perform indispensable duties in the departments or bureaus herein mentioned.

"Sec. 9. That any quartermaster or assistant quartermaster, commissary or assistant commissary (other than those serving with regiments or brigades in the field), or officer in the Ordnance Bureau, or navy agent, or provost-marshal, or officer in the conscript service, who shall hereafter employ, or retain in his employment, any person in any of their said departments or bureaus, or in any of the duties mentioned in the eighth section of this act, in violation of the provisions hereof, shall, on conviction thereof, by a court-martial or military court, be cashiered; and it shall be the duty of any department or district commander, upon proof by the oath of any credible person, that any such officer has violated this provision, immediately to remove such officer from duty; and said commander shall take prompt measures to have him tried for such offense, and any commander, as aforesaid, failing to perform the duties enjoined by this section, shall, upon being duly convicted thereof, be dismissed from the service.

"Sec. 10. That all laws granting exemptions from military service be, and the same are hereby, repealed, and hereafter none shall be exempted except the following:

"I. All who shall be held unfit for military service, under rules to be prescribed by the Secretary of War.

"II. The Vice-President of the Confederate States, the members and officers of Congress and of the several State legislatures, and such other Confederate and State officers as the President or the governors of the respective States may certify to be necessary for the proper administration of the Confederate or State governments, as the case may be.

"III. Every minister of religion authorized to preach, according to the rules of his

church, and who, at the passage of this act, shall be regularly employed in the discharge of his ministerial duties; superintendents and physicians of asylums of the deaf, dumb, and blind, and of the insane; one editor for each newspaper being published at the time of the passage of this act, and such employees as said editor may certify on oath to be indispensable to the publication of such newspaper; the public printer of the Confederate and State governments, and such journeymen printers as the said public printer shall certify on oath to be indispensable to perform the public printing; one skilled apothecary in each apothecary store who was doing business as such apothecary on the tenth day of October, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and has continued said business without intermission since that period; all physicians over the age of thirty years who now are, and for the last seven years have been, in the actual and regular practice of their profession, but the term physician shall not include dentists; all presidents and teachers of colleges, theological seminaries, academies, and schools, who have been regularly engaged as such for two years next before the passage of this act: *Provided*, That the benefit of this exemption shall extend to those teachers only whose schools are composed of twenty students or more; all superintendents of public hospitals established by law before the passage of this act, and such physicians and nurses therein as such superintendent shall certify on oath to be indispensable to the proper and efficient management thereof.

"IV. There shall be exempt one person as overseer or agriculturist on each farm or plantation upon which there are now, and were, upon the first day of January last, fifteen able-bodied field hands, between the ages of sixteen and fifty, upon the following conditions: 1. This exemption shall only be granted in cases in which there is no white male adult on the farm or plantation not liable to military service, nor unless the person claiming the exemption was, on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, either the owner and manager or overseer of said plantation; but in no case shall more than one person be exempted for one farm or plantation. 2. Such person shall first execute a bond, payable to the Confederate States of America, in such form and with such security, and in such penalty, as the Secretary of War may prescribe, conditioned that he will deliver to the Government, at some railroad depot, or such other place or places as may be designated by the Secretary of War, within twelve months then next ensuing, one hundred pounds of bacon, or, at the election of the Government, its equivalent in pork, and one hundred pounds of net beef (said beef to be delivered on foot) for each able-bodied slave on the farm or plantation within the above said ages, whether said slaves be worked in the field or not, which said bacon or pork and beef shall be paid for by the Government at the prices fixed by the commissioners of the State under the impressment act: *Provided*, That when the person thus exempted shall produce satisfactory evidence that it has been impossible for him, by the exercise of proper diligence, to furnish the amount of meat thus contracted for, and leave an adequate supply for the subsistence of those living on said farm or plantation, the Secretary of War shall direct a commutation of the same to the extent of two-thirds thereof in grain or other provisions, to be delivered by such person as aforesaid at equivalent rates. 3. Such person shall further bind himself to sell the marketable surplus of provisions and grain now on hand, and which he may raise from year to year, while his exemption continues, to the Government or to the families of soldiers, at prices fixed by the commissioners of the State under the impressment act: *Provided*, That any person, exempted as aforesaid, shall be entitled to a credit of twenty-five per cent on any amount of meat which he may deliver within three months from the passage of this act: *Provided further*, That persons coming within the provisions of this exemption shall not be deprived thereof by reason of having been enrolled since the first day of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

"In addition to the foregoing exemptions, the Secretary of War, under the direction of the President, may exempt or detail such other person as he may be satisfied ought to be exempted on account of public necessity and to insure the production of grain and provisions for the Army and the families of soldiers. He may also grant exemptions or details, on such terms as he may prescribe, to such overseers, farmers, or planters as he may be satisfied will be more useful to the country in the pursuits of agriculture than in the military service: *Provided*, That such exemptions shall cease whenever the farmer, planter, or overseer shall fail diligently to employ, in good faith, his own skill, capital, and labor, exclusively in the production of grain and provisions, to be sold to the Government and the families of soldiers, at prices not exceeding those fixed at the time for like articles by the commissioners of the State, under the impressment act.

"V. The president, treasurer, auditor, and superintendent of any railroad company engaged in transportation for the Government, and such officers and employees thereof as the president or superintendent shall certify, on oath, to be indispensable to the efficient operation of such railroad: *Provided*, That the number of persons

exempted by this act on any railroad shall not exceed one for each mile of such road in actual use for military transportation, and said exempts shall be reported by name and description, with the names of any who may have left the employment of said company, or who may cease to be indispensable to the efficient operation of its road, at least once a month, to the Secretary of War, or such officer as he may designate for that purpose: *And provided further*, That such president or superintendent shall, in each such monthly report, certify on oath that no person liable to military service has been employed by his company since the passage of this act, in any position in which it was practicable to employ one not liable to military service, and capable of performing efficiently the duties of such position. And in cases where railroads have fallen into the hands of the enemy, and a portion of the rolling stock of such roads is being used on other roads not in the enemy's hands, the president and superintendent of said first-named roads shall be exempt.

"VI. That nothing herein contained shall be construed as repealing the act approved April fourteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, entitled 'An act to exempt contractors for carrying the mails of the Confederate States and the drivers of post coaches and hacks from military service:' *Provided*, That the exemptions granted under this act shall only continue whilst the persons exempted are actually engaged in their respective pursuits or occupations.

"SEC. 11. That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to grant details, under general rules and regulations to be issued by the War Department, either from persons between forty-five and fifty years of age, or from the army in the field, in all cases when, in his judgment, justice, equity, and necessity require such details, and he may revoke such orders of details whenever he thinks proper: *Provided*, That the power herein granted to the President to make details and exemptions shall not be construed to authorize the exemption or detail of any contractor for furnishing supplies of any kind to the Government, by reason of said contracts, unless the head or secretary of the department making such contract shall certify that the personal services of said contractor are indispensable to the execution of the contract: *Provided further*, That when any such contractor shall fail diligently and faithfully to proceed with the execution of such contract, his exemption or detail shall cease.

"SEC. 12. That in appointing local boards of surgeons for the examination of persons liable to military service, no members composing the same shall be appointed from the county or enrolling district in which they are required to make such examination."

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and

On the question to concur therein,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas-----	12
	{ Nays-----	9

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Brown, Caperton, Clay, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter,
Jemison, Phelan, Semmes, Sparrow, and Wigfall.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Burnett, Clark, Dortch, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Oldham, Orr, and Reade.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, that the last-mentioned vote be reconsidered,

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas-----	18
	{ Nays-----	0

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Burnett, Clark, Dortch, Haynes, Hill, Hunter,
Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, Phelan, Reade, and Semmes.

The report being again under consideration,

On the question to concur therein,

It was determined in the affirmative.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate concur in said report and that the bill be amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 107) to increase the efficiency of the Army by the employment of free negroes and slaves in certain capacities.

And they have agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 98) to levy additional taxes for the common defense and support of the Government.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (H. R. 107) to increase the efficiency of the Army by the employment of free negroes and slaves in certain capacities.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Phelan (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 235) supplemental to an act entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war;"

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The Senate having been again resolved into secret legislative session,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 209) to establish a bureau of foreign supplies, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 117) to amend the act for the assessment and collection of taxes, approved May 1, 1863, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill last mentioned; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 209) to establish a bureau of foreign supplies; and

On motion of Mr. Clay,

Resolved, That the Senate disagree to the amendments of the House of Representatives to said bill and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon.

On motion of Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That the committee of conference on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Orr, Mr. Maxwell, and Mr. Caperton were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 227) to authorize the transfer of a certain appropriation; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 110) to authorize the shipment of cotton and tobacco by the Treasury Department; and

On motion by Mr. Clay,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed indefinitely.

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the proceedings of the Senate on the following bills:

H. R. 92. An act to tax, fund, and limit the currency;

H. R. 98. An act to levy additional taxes for the common defense and support of the Government; and

S. 158. An act to organize forces to serve during the war.

On motion by Mr. Semmes, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That 500 copies of the bill (H. R. 92) to tax, fund, and limit the currency, of the bill (H. R. 98) to levy additional taxes for the common defense and support of the Government, and of the bill (S. 158) to organize forces to serve during the war, be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Mitchel,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, Richmond, February 16, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 2.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 8, 1863.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

J. Bates, of Texas, to be colonel Thirteenth Texas Regiment (his battalion having been increased to a regiment), to rank from March 8, 1863.

Baxter Smith, of Tennessee, to be colonel Eighth Tennessee Cavalry Regiment (formed of unattached companies), to rank from November 24, 1862.

J. E. Carter, of Tennessee, to be colonel First Tennessee Cavalry Regiment (his battalion having been increased to a regiment), to rank from June 9, 1863.

A. F. Rudler, of Georgia, to be colonel Thirty-seventh Georgia Regiment (formed by consolidation of the Third and Seventeenth Georgia battalions), to rank from May 6, 1863.

John Dunovant, of South Carolina, to be colonel Fifth South Carolina Cavalry Regiment, to rank from July 28, 1863.

A. D. Moore, of North Carolina, to be colonel Sixty-sixth North Carolina Regiment (formed by consolidation of the Eighth and Thirteenth North Carolina battalions), to rank from August 3, 1863.

John T. Cox, of Kentucky, to be colonel Twelfth Confederate Cavalry Regiment (an original vacancy), to rank from May 22, 1863.

H. E. Coleman, of North Carolina, to be colonel Twelfth North Carolina Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from May 4, 1863.

Bushrod Jones, of Alabama, to be colonel Fifty-eighth Alabama Regiment (his battalion having been increased to a regiment), to rank from July 25, 1863.

F. Dumontel, of Louisiana, to be colonel Fourteenth Confederate Cavalry Regiment (formed of unattached companies partisan rangers from southern Mississippi and northeast Louisiana), to rank from July 15, 1863.

Julien Harrison, of Virginia, to be colonel Sixth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from September 19, 1863.

T. S. Gallaway, of North Carolina, to be colonel Twenty-second North Carolina Regiment, vice Col. James Conner, resigned, the lieutenant-colonel and major prisoners, and there being no competent material in the regiment to select from, to rank from September 21, 1863.

Henry Maury, of Alabama, to be colonel Fifteenth Confederate Cavalry Regiment (formed from unattached companies), to rank from September 24, 1863.

P. C. Gaillard, of South Carolina, to be colonel Twenty-seventh South Carolina Regiment (formed by the consolidation of the First Infantry and First Sharpshooters battalions), to rank from October 2, 1863.

William L. Hunter, of Arkansas, to be colonel First Chickasaw Regiment (Indians) (raised by authority from War Department), to rank from September 25, 1863.

C. C. Wilbourn, of Mississippi, to be colonel Fourth Mississippi Cavalry Regiment (formed by the consolidation of Hughes' and Stockdale's battalions), to rank from September 17, 1863.

John W. A. Sanford, of Alabama, to be colonel Sixtieth Alabama Regiment (his battalion having been increased to a regiment), to rank from November 25, 1863.

Bolling Hall, jr., of Alabama, to be colonel Fifty-ninth Alabama Regiment (his battalion having been increased to a regiment), to rank from November 25, 1863.

William Miller, of Florida, to be colonel First Florida Regiment, to rank from August 15, 1862.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. E. V. White, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-fifth Virginia Battalion (his battalion having been increased to six companies), to rank from February 4, 1863.

Maj. V. A. Witcher, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-fourth Virginia Battalion (his battalion having been increased to six companies), to rank from May 2, 1863.

Capt. N. L. Hutchins, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Third Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from June 10, 1863.

A. W. Terrell, of Texas, to be lieutenant-colonel cavalry battalion formed of unattached companies from Arizona and New Mexico, to rank from June 8, 1863.

J. M. Bell, of Arkansas, to be lieutenant-colonel Second Cherokee Regiment, to rank from June 6, 1863.

Capt. R. B. Snowden, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-fifth Tennessee Regiment, the officers for promotion found to be incompetent, and there being no competent material in the regiment to select from, to rank from July 8, 1863.

Maj. I. F. Harrison, of Louisiana, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifteenth Louisiana Battalion (his battalion having been increased to six companies), to rank from July 8, 1863.

W. T. Robins, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Fortieth Virginia Battalion (formed by the addition of four companies to Wren's battalion), to rank from July 15, 1863.

J. T. Smith, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-seventh Georgia Regiment (formed by the consolidation of the Third and Seventeenth battalions), to rank from May 6, 1863.

W. M. Elliott, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-fifth Virginia Battalion (his battalion having been increased to eight companies), to rank from July 20, 1863.

J. H. Nethercutt, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixty-sixth North Carolina Regiment (formed by the consolidation of the Eighth and Thirteenth battalions), to rank from August 3, 1863.

T. A. McDonell, of Florida, to be lieutenant-colonel First Florida Regiment, to rank from August 15, 1862.

Capt. S. M. Hyams, jr., of Missouri, to be lieutenant-colonel Second Missouri Cavalry Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from May 4, 1863.

J. W. Inzer, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifty-eighth Alabama Regiment (formed by a battalion being increased), to rank from July 25, 1863.

T. W. Brevard, of Florida, to be lieutenant-colonel Second Florida Battalion (his battalion having been increased to six companies), to rank from June 24, 1863.

J. F. McClellan, of Florida, to be lieutenant-colonel Fourth Florida Battalion (formed of unattached companies), to rank from May 2, 1863.

P. F. Anderson, of Tennessee, to be lieutenant-colonel Eighth Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

A. M. Waddell, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Forty-first North Carolina Regiment Cavalry, to fill an original vacancy, to rank from August 18, 1863.

Maj. Ridgely Brown, of Maryland, to be lieutenant-colonel of the First Maryland Battalion Cavalry (his battalion having been increased to six companies), to rank from August 20, 1863.

John M. Martin, of Florida, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixth Florida Battalion (formed of unattached companies), to rank from September 5, 1863.

H. C. Davis, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel First Mississippi and Tennessee Battalion, to rank from September 12, 1863.

P. E. Davant, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Thirty-eighth Georgia Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from September 18, 1863.

Capt. T. J. Myers, of Florida, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifteenth Confederate Cavalry Regiment (formed of unattached companies), to rank from September 24, 1863.

A. S. Hamilton, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixty-sixth Georgia Regiment (formed by the consolidation of the Eighth and Thirteenth battalions), to rank from October 8, 1863.

Julius A. Blake, of South Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-seventh South Carolina Regiment (formed by the consolidation of the First Infantry and First Sharpshooters battalions), to rank from October 2, 1863.

S. H. Martin, of Arkansas, to be lieutenant-colonel First Chickasaw Regiment (Indians) (raised by authority from War Department), to rank from September 25, 1863.

C. McLaurin, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Fourth Mississippi Cavalry Regiment (formed by the consolidation of Hughes' and Stockdale's battalions), to rank from September 17, 1863.

John D. McLennan, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Fifty-ninth Alabama Regiment (battalion increased to a regiment), to rank from November 25, 1863.

D. S. Troy, of Alabama, to be lieutenant-colonel Sixtieth Alabama Regiment (battalion increased to a regiment), to rank from November 25, 1863.

F. L. Childs, of North Carolina, to be lieutenant-colonel Second North Carolina Battalion, Troops Local Defense, to rank from October 31, 1863.

William L. Duff, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Nineteenth Mississippi Battalion Cavalry (being raised by authority from War Department), to rank from September 10, 1863.

Majors.

Capt. J. E. Robertson, of Virginia, to be major Twentieth Virginia Battalion, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from May 9, 1863.

N. R. Cary, of Virginia, to be major Nineteenth Virginia Battalion, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from May 23, 1863.

J. R. Davis, of Tennessee, to be major Eighth Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, to rank from November 24, 1862.

Alexander H. Chalmers, of Mississippi, to be major battalion partisan rangers, to rank from June 1, 1863.

P. Hammock, of Arkansas, to be major Second Cherokee Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

T. D. Caswell, of Georgia, to be major Fourth Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from May 4, 1863.

C. G. Wright, of North Carolina, to be major Sixty-sixth North Carolina Regiment (formed by the consolidation of the Eighth and Thirteenth battalions), to rank from August 3, 1863.

G. A. Ball, of Florida, to be major First Florida Regiment, to rank from August 15, 1862.

H. I. Thornton, of Alabama, to be major Fifty-eighth Alabama Regiment (formed by a battalion being increased), to rank from July 25, 1863.

John H. Gee, of Florida, to be major Fourth Florida Battalion (formed of unattached companies), to rank from May 2, 1863.

Frank Maney, of Tennessee, to be major Twenty-fourth Tennessee Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from August 15, 1863.

W. S. Bledsoe, of Tennessee, to be major Eighth Tennessee Cavalry Regiment, to rank from May 2, 1863.

R. Moore, of North Carolina, to be major Forty-first North Carolina Regiment, to fill an original vacancy, to rank from August 18, 1863.

P. B. Bird, of Florida, to be major Sixth Florida Battalion (formed of unattached companies), to rank from September 5, 1863.

R. H. Partridge, of Florida, to be major Fifteenth Confederate Cavalry Regiment (formed of unattached companies), to rank from September 24, 1863.

J. W. Nisbet, of Georgia, to be major Twenty-sixth Georgia Battalion (formed of unattached companies), to rank from October 8, 1863.

Jos. Abney, of South Carolina, to be major Twenty-seventh South Carolina Regiment (formed by the consolidation of the First Infantry and First Sharpshooters battalions), to rank from October 2, 1863.

A. B. Hays, of Arkansas, to be major First Chickasaw Regiment (Indians) (raised by authority from War Department), to rank from September 25, 1863.

T. R. Stockdale, of Mississippi, to be major Fourth Mississippi Cavalry Regiment (formed by consolidation of Hughes' and Stockdale's battalions), to rank from September 17, 1863.

G. W. Huguley, of Alabama, to be major Fifty-ninth Alabama Regiment (formed by a battalion being increased), to rank from November 25, 1863.

Hatch Cook, of Alabama, to be major Sixtieth Alabama Regiment (formed by a battalion being increased), to rank from November 25, 1863.

Samuel W. Davitte, of Georgia, to be major First Georgia Cavalry Regiment, to fill an original vacancy, to rank from May 2, 1863.

W. B. Jones, of Georgia, to be major Sixtieth Georgia Regiment, to fill an original vacancy, to rank from August 17, 1863.

George W. Scott, of Florida, to be major Fifth Florida Battalion (formed of unattached companies), to rank from August 26, 1863.

M. P. Taylor, of North Carolina, to be major Second North Carolina Battalion, Troops Local Defense, to rank from October 31, 1863.

Captains.

J. A. Maxwell, of Georgia, to be captain Maxwell's battery, to rank from February 1, 1863.

William M. Crumley, of Georgia, to be captain, Third Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from June 5, 1863.

G. McMillan, of Georgia, to be captain, Third Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from June 5, 1863.

W. E. Simmons, of Georgia, to be captain, Third Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from June 5, 1863.

J. F. Martin, of Georgia, to be captain, Third Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from June 5, 1863.

John W. King, of Georgia, to be captain, Third Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from June 5, 1863.

J. C. Winder, of North Carolina, to be captain Company A, Second Regiment Engineer Troops, to rank from August 6, 1863.

N. N. Gober, of Georgia, to be captain, Third Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from June 5, 1863.

B. M. Turner, of Georgia, to be captain Company C, Fourth Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from May 5, 1863.

W. M. Carter, of Georgia, to be captain Company B, Fourth Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from May 4, 1863.

First lieutenants.

James H. Williams, of Georgia, to be first lieutenant, Third Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from June 5, 1863.

S. H. Ware, of Georgia, to be first lieutenant, Third Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from June 5, 1863.

W. R. Montgomery, of Georgia, to be first lieutenant, Third Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from June 5, 1863.

T. L. Ardis, of Georgia, to be first lieutenant, Third Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from June 5, 1863.

J. Rhett Miles, of South Carolina, to be first lieutenant, Williams' Battery Light Artillery, to rank from May 2, 1863.

J. A. Huger, of South Carolina, to be first lieutenant, Maxwell's battery, to rank from February 1, 1863.

F. T. Hawkes, of North Carolina, to be first lieutenant Company A, Second Regiment Engineer Troops, to rank from August 6, 1863.

William Scott, of Florida, to be first lieutenant Bryan's Company Florida Volunteers (Indians), to rank from October 13, 1863.

J. Towers, of Georgia, to be first lieutenant, Fourth Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from May 5, 1863.

S. M. Jackson, of Georgia, to be first lieutenant, Fourth Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from May 4, 1863.

T. B. Slaughter, of Georgia, to be first lieutenant, Third Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from June 5, 1863.

Second lieutenants.

C. B. Richardson, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant, Maxwell's battery, to rank from May 20, 1863.

G. C. Conner, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), to rank from May 23, 1863.

D. J. Smith, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), to rank from May 21, 1863.

E. B. Middleton, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First Regiment South Carolina Artillery, to rank from May 14, 1863.

Thomas S. Wayne, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant, First Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from May 3, 1863.

C. L. Schlatter, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant, First Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from May 2, 1863.

G. P. Butler, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant Company C, Second Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from May 23, 1863.

J. B. Griffin, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant Company A, Second Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Alf. Moore, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant Company A, Second Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from May 2, 1863.

John B. Elliott, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant, Maxwell's battery, to rank from May 23, 1863.

W. F. Colcock, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First Regiment South Carolina Artillery, to rank from June 2, 1863.

R. Soutter, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), to rank from June 6, 1863.

C. S. Patillo, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant, First Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from May 2, 1863.

W. T. Iglehart, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant, Thirtieth Virginia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from May 21, 1863.

F. C. Lucas, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, Fifteenth South Carolina Battalion Artillery, to rank from June 1, 1863.

I. Dessau, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), to rank from June 1, 1863.

H. W. De Saussure, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First Regiment South Carolina Artillery, to rank from June 8, 1863.

T. D. Guinn, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant, Third Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from June 5, 1863.

E. H. Chandler, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant, Third Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from June 5, 1863.

D. Bunt, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant, Third Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from June 5, 1863.

C. H. Strickland, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant, Third Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from June 5, 1863.

H. M. Stuart, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First Regiment South Carolina Artillery, to rank from June 23, 1863.

R. Falligant, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant, Milledge's battery, to rank from June 23, 1863.

René E. Cortes, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, Williams' battery, to rank from May 2, 1863.

D. Coffery, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant, First Louisiana Regiment (enlisted men), to rank from June 27, 1863.

S. M. Kemmerlin, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First South Carolina Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from July 9, 1863.

E. C. Edgerton, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), to rank from July 22, 1863.

A. M. Hartsfield, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant, Fourth Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from May 5, 1863.

J. W. Hightower, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant, Fourth Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from May 4, 1863.

J. T. Hunt, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant, Fourth Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from May 3, 1863.

J. Turpin, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant, Fourth Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from May 2, 1863.

A. W. Reese, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), to rank from July 24, 1863.

P. H. Morel, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant, First Georgia Regiment (enlisted men), to rank from July 25, 1863.

J. B. O'Brien, of Mississippi, to be second lieutenant, Ninth Mississippi Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from July 28, 1863.

Albert Gough, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant, Thirtieth Virginia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from July 16, 1863.

J. W. Barrett, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant, Third Georgia Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from June 5, 1863.

U. B. Gwynn, of North Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company A, Second Regiment Engineer Troops, to rank from August 6, 1863.

J. F. Dargan, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First Regiment South Carolina Artillery, to rank from August 6, 1863.

T. M. De Lorme, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First Regiment South Carolina Artillery, to rank from August 17, 1863.

James C. Reynolds, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First Regiment South Carolina Artillery, to rank from September 7, 1863.

C. K. Huger, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First Regiment South Carolina Artillery, to rank from September 24, 1863.

J. M. Martin, of Tennessee, to be second lieutenant, Twenty-fourth Tennessee Battalion Sharpshooters, to rank from July 15, 1863.

Jos. A. Young, of Florida, to be second lieutenant Bryan's Company Florida Volunteers (Indians), to rank from October 13, 1863.

E. Coffin, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), to rank from November 17, 1863.

L. Glover, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First South Carolina Regiment (enlisted men), to rank from November 19, 1863.

C. H. Claiborne, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First Regiment South Carolina (enlisted men), to rank from November 10, 1863.

W. D. Martin, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, Fifteenth South Carolina Battalion Artillery, to rank from November 10, 1863.

T. J. Heyward, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, Fifteenth South Carolina Battalion Artillery, to rank from November 12, 1863.

John Harleston, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, First Regiment South Carolina Artillery, to rank from November 24, 1863.

Thomas E. Lucas, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant, Fifteenth South Carolina Battalion Artillery, to rank from December 2, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 16, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 49.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 15, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Adjutants—first lieutenants.

A. C. Anderson, of Virginia, to be adjutant Sixty-third Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant Hull, promoted, to rank from January 10, 1864.

Robert S. Morgan, of Virginia, to be adjutant Fifth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, vice Lieutenant Emmett, promoted, to rank from September 28, 1863.

Joshua L. Moore, of Mississippi, to be adjutant Fortieth Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant McDonald, resigned, to rank from January 29, 1864.

John F. Conyers, of Georgia, to be adjutant Forty-first Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant Ellis, killed, to rank from January 13, 1864.

John R. Peoples, of Tennessee, to be adjutant Fifty-second Tennessee Regiment, to rank from January 6, 1864.

W. B. Scott, of Georgia, to be adjutant Eighth Cavalry Battalion Georgia State Guard, to rank from September 30, 1863.

A. G. Arrington, of Virginia, to be adjutant Forty-second Virginia Regiment, to rank from January 18, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 16, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate Joseph H. Stewart, of Maryland, to be second lieutenant of infantry in the Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 12, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of Joseph H. Stewart, of Maryland, to be second lieutenant of infantry in the Army of the Confederate States of America, to rank from date of confirmation.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 16, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate A. W. King, of Georgia, to be master armorer in the Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 16, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of A. W. King, of Georgia, to be master armorer in the Army of the Confederate States of America, to rank from May 3, 1863, under section 3, act approved August 21, 1861.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency the PRESIDENT.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

RICHMOND, VA., *February 16, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury, I hereby nominate Sanders G. Jamison, to be chief of the Treasury Note Bureau.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 10, 1864.*

His Excellency the PRESIDENT.

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the appointment of Sanders G. Jamison, esq., of South Carolina, as chief of the Treasury Note Bureau, organized under act of Congress approved February 3, 1864.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. G. MEMMINGER,
Secretary of Treasury.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sparrow, from the committee to whom were referred the nominations of J. B. Weems, William Butler, J. N. Lightfoot, John A. Fite, J. W. Caldwell, John D. Barry, D. M. Donnell, E. Goodwin, Y. M. Moody, J. A. Wilson, F. E. Harrison, James Giles, J. C. Higginbotham, C. P. Daniel, William S. Christian, E. Ball, S. B. Pickens, Jos. H. Hyman, Washington M. Hardy, H. Hawkins, R. H. Keeble, J. F. Pressley, J. H. King, G. T. Maxwell, S. T. Player, R. W. Carter, B. T. Brockman, F. G. Skinner, William White, J. J. Phillips, Norvell Cobb, S. Z. Ruff, O. S. Holland, Y. L. Royston, J. A. Gilmer, C. R. Earp, R. G. Earle, W. B. Creasman, F. H. Board, W. G. Robinson, George A. Smith, W. N. Brown, J. I. Scales, A. J. Kellar, A. H. Helvenston, S. H. Boyd, P. McGlashan, O. R. Funsten, C. Forsyth, L. G. Pyles, J. A. Campbell, R. H. Dungan, J. H. Neal, J. H. Higley, Jos. N. Brown, A. Forsberg, P. P. Slaughter, S. D. Russell, P. C. Flournoy, J. R. White, K. McElroy, James H. Skinner, T. J. Lipscomb, James B. Terrill, William Watts, J. C. Gibson, George D. Johnston, James Barr, V. H. Taliaferro, J. A. Williamson, W. H. Peebles, J. L. Miller, I. N. Hulme, G. J. Wright, W. L. Duckworth, J. E. Murray, N. Berkeley, John C. Marrast, I. N. Hedgpeth, J. M. Dedman, D. H. Reynolds, R. A. Owens, H. D. Lampley, W. H. H. Tison, J. M. Hughs, R. C. Wood, N. N. Davis, W. F. Young, to be colonels; W. B. Lowry, T. B. Massie, S. S. Ives, George T. Gordon, J. C. Wickliffe, E. Hufstedler, S. G. Shepard, S. E. Shannon, G. McD. Miller, J. J. Jolly, John F. Iverson, G. W. Hooper, Evan Rice, J. W. McGill, O. P. Anthony, R. F. Crittenden, R. P. Lester, H. A. Rogers, W. L. Mitchell, James M. Ray, W. G. Rice, W. L. Saunders, H. Ready, J. T. Porcher, W. T. Stockton, G. C. Smith, John A. Jacoway, W. A. Morgan, Isaac F. Hunt, Z. L. Watters, Isaac Hardeman, W. W. Rich, William H. Willis, T. M. Baker, T. J. Hardin, William P. Moseley, Thomas R. Buckner, F. H. Langley, H. A. Herbert, John P.

West, George F. Whitfield, Samuel J. Winn, D. N. Moody, R. D. Lilley, John G. Kasey, James M. Williams, Benjamin Morris, G. F. Baucum, Luke W. Finlay, J. H. McGaughy, W. A. Rorer, John R. Winston, W. O. Fleming, O. H. Cooke, M. D. Ball, R. M. Sands, Ro. A. Caskie, D. H. Lee Martz, John T. Jones, F. A. Reynolds, J. D. Weeden, Oscar White, Charles L. Haynes, Ed. Croft, J. B. McRae, John P. Wolfe, John T. Kennedy, T. O. Stone, David Pierson, H. L. Andrews, D. G. Cowand, J. S. K. McCutchen, W. W. Sillers, Thomas M. Carter, James W. Moss, William L. Wingfield, J. D. H. Ross, Gus. A. Goodman, Charles B. Christian, J. P. Bane, Jos. R. Cabell, A. G. O'Brien, T. D. Claiborne, James T. Smith, James W. Beck, L. McCollum, B. S. King, P. V. Green, Charles Guillet, Ed. Berkeley, Charles S. Peyton, W. E. Green, B. R. Hart, J. K. McDowell, Stephen Cooper, M. T. Porter, W. C. Clifton, J. M. Johnson, L. M. Ramsaur, J. D. Wilson, E. H. Bacon, P. F. Hunley, R. H. Abercrombie, S. Jones, Benjamin F. Sawyer, T. W. Flynt, J. B. Cording, John B. Herring, James Nelligan, to be lieutenant-colonels; W. S. Basinger, Ro. O. Reynolds, J. W. Carter, W. H. Williamson, C. W. Heiskell, J. A. Stewart, R. H. Whiteley, A. A. Hill, A. E. Ashford, John L. Knott, L. L. Noles, W. C. Fielding, A. McLemore, C. H. Clarke, D. H. Ansley, C. N. Lawson, H. M. Dunwody, Thomas J. Wooten, I. F. Culver, S. H. McCarver, J. H. Dunklin, J. J. Pierce, E. B. Withers, W. Lee Russell, D. B. Miller, Thomas E. Screven, A. Harman, J. G. Lowe, John P. Fitzgerald, J. M. White, A. Proskaner, J. W. Clark, Jas. C. Davis, J. S. Jones, J. L. White, T. W. Thompson, Edwin A. Nash, J. T. Carson, H. Hendrick, R. De Treville, A. D. Kelly, J. P. Emrich, G. W. Taylor, D. W. Anderson, G. F. Norton, W. G. Pegram, John N. Carpenter, John Sims, J. C. Gordon, F. S. Bass, F. H. Wood, T. McG. Smith, James D. Truss, F. A. Ashford, P. Sheffield, W. H. Chatfield, H. Hampton, B. Desha, A. Watkins, E. T. Stackhouse, John H. Pate, R. H. Powell, I. G. Coffman, Thomas A. Street, R. G. Wright, P. F. Frazer, J. W. Draughon, H. H. Harper, D. P. Graham, J. S. Richards, E. S. Gulley, Henry G. Lewis, C. R. Irving, W. F. Carter, S. Palmer, W. S. Haven, Philip Lee, H. Bradford, W. L. Goldsmith, M. G. Bass, M. P. Spessard, T. H. Watkins, B. L. Dyer, C. T. Crittenden, B. S. Proffitt, C. M. Winkler, P. H. Fitzhugh, W. B. Clement, G. L. Donald, Jas. P. Eagle, J. J. Gooding, Ivey F. Lewis, J. C. Holmes, John C. Key, Benjamin Holmes, J. R. Hubbard, J. D. Howard, E. F. Bookter, E. A. Howell, W. N. Berkeley, B. Taylor, T. Smith, H. T. Toulmin, R. J. Williams, J. Duncan, R. N. Hull, J. H. Sikes, M. R. Hall, D. H. Smith, W. T. Holland, G. S. Laswell, S. C. Cooper, William Lester, F. L. Twitty, R. Randolph, R. W. Phipps, W. F. Slaton, J. A. Lash, S. Ruffin, W. J. Hearin, G. C. Freeman, E. H. McDonald, W. Marks, William Straton, G. M. Ferneyhough, L. J. Bossieux, C. H. Ford, R. C. Smith, C. W. Mabry, C. E. Cormier, W. P. Cooper, to be majors; F. D. Blake, H. R. Lesesne, A. S. Gailard, H. D. Twyman, to be captains; W. H. Johnson, E. S. Fickling, Iredell Jones, J. D. Anthony, J. R. Du Bose, W. A. Williams, T. P. B. Ryan, R. Bruce, O. La Borde, J. S. Heyward, H. A. Crane, to be first lieutenants, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Clay, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the nomination of F. M. Green, to be colonel, reported the same.

The Senate proceeded to consider said nomination; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Resolved, That the nomination of F. M. Green, to be colonel of the Eleventh Mississippi Regiment, be rejected for the reason that in the opinion of the Senate W. B. Lowry is the senior and ranking officer.

Mr. Clay, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the nomination of W. B. Lowry, to be lieutenant-colonel, reported the same.

The Senate proceeded to consider said nomination; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

On motion by Mr. Phelan,

That the Senate resume the consideration of the resolution submitted by him on the 27th January relative to the report of the Committee on Military Affairs respecting certain nominations sent to the Senate by the President on the 8th January, 1864,

Mr. Maxwell demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being put,

Will the Senate resume the consideration of said resolution?

It was determined in the negative.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the nomination of R. H. Chilton, to be brigadier-general; and

After debate,

Mr. Sparrow demanded the question; which was seconded, and

The question being put,

Will the Senate advise and consent to this nomination?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 11
Nays 6

On motion by Mr. Clay,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Orr, Semmes, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Clark, Clay, Jemison, Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, and Oldham.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of R. H. Chilton, to be brigadier-general, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of P. C. Venable and H. P. Cochran, to be captains, Thomas G. Barrett, to be second lieutenant, artillery officers, for ordnance duty; Stanhope Posey and S. S. Harris, to be assistant adjutants-general, with the rank of captain; W. T. Welcker, to be captain, Corps of Artillery, Regular Army; Frank A. Reynolds and John H. Denys, to be second lieutenants, Corps of Cavalry, Regular Army; Thomas Boyd Edelin, J. D. McFarland, to be first lieutenants of

infantry, Regular Army; and William T. Blackistone, to be second lieutenant of infantry, Regular Army; O. J. Semmes, William E. Earle, Henry C. Semple, C. W. Squires, to be majors of artillery; C. C. Greene and F. P. Leavenworth, to be captains, artillery officers, for ordnance duty; Daniel T. Chandler, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel; E. R. Smith, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of captain; W. H. Sellers and E. H. Cunningham, to be assistant adjutants-general, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel; J. V. Gallimard, to be captain, Corps of Engineers, Regular Army, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Oldham, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom were referred the nominations of Sidney E. McMillan, to be postmaster at Marion Court House, S. C.; E. R. Ives, to be postmaster at Lake City, Fla., and Patrick A. Chalkley, to be postmaster at Proctor's Creek, Va., reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of Matt W. Ransom, A. M. Scales, L. S. Baker, Robert D. Johnston, and W. W. Kirkland, to be brigadier-generals, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the nomination of J. W. Frazer, to be brigadier-general, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be rejected.

On motion by Mr. Clark, that said nomination be continued until the next session of the Senate,

It was determined in the negative.

The Senate proceeded to consider said nomination; and

After debate,

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of J. W. Frazer, to be brigadier-general?

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas	0
	{ Nays	18

On motion by Mr. Haynes,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Clark, Clay, Dortch, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Jemison, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, Semmes, and Sparrow.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate do not advise and consent to the appointment of J. W. Frazer, to be brigadier-general.

On motion by Mr. Mitchel, that the injunction of secrecy be removed from the proceedings in the case of J. W. Frazer,

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas, that the vote on rejecting the nomination of J. W. Frazer, to be brigadier-general, be reconsidered.

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 7
Nays..... 8

Nays ----- 8

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Clark, Clay, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Arkansas,
Mitchel, Orr, and Semmes.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Caperton, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Jemison, Oldham,
and Sparrow.

So the Senate refused to reconsider.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1864.

OPEN SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed Senate bills of the following titles:

§. 212. An act to amend the acts of April 1, 1862, and September 23, 1862;

S. 231. An act to attach the county of Noxubee, in the State of Mississippi, to the southern judicial division of said State;

S. 232. An act in relation to the qualification of State collectors; and

S. 236. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to establish a volunteer navy,' approved eleventh February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four."

The House of Representatives have concurred in the amendments of the Senate to the following bills and joint resolution:

H. R. 106. An act to allow commissioned officers of the Army rations and the privilege of purchasing clothing from the Quartermaster's Department;

H. R. 122. An act to fix the compensation for the publication in the public gazettes of the acts of Congress; and

H. R. 42. Joint resolution of thanks to the Thirty-ninth Mississippi Regiment.

And they have passed a bill (H. R. 132) to authorize the increase of compensation to route and special agents of the Post-Office Department; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the following bills:

H. R. 128. An act to authorize the promotion of officers, noncommissioned officers, and privates for distinguished skill or valor;

H. R. 129. An act to repeal an act to organize bands of partisan rangers, approved April 21, 1862, and for other purposes; and

H. R. 130. An act to authorize the organization of auxiliary bureaus of the War Department west of the Mississippi River; reported them severally, without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the con-

sideration of the said bills; and no amendment being proposed, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the following joint resolutions:

H. R. 25. Joint resolution of thanks to Lieutenant-General Longstreet and the officers and men of his command;

H. R. 34. Joint resolution of thanks to Gen. N. B. Forrest and the officers and men of his command; and

H. R. 41. Joint resolution of thanks to Maj. Gen. J. E. B. Stuart and the officers and men under his command; reported them severally, without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolutions; and no amendment being proposed, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said resolutions were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Clay, from the joint select committee appointed to investigate the management of the Navy Department under its present head, submitted a report (No. 20); which was ordered to be printed.

The bill (H. R. 132) to authorize the increase of compensation to route and special agents of the Post-Office Department was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole.

On motion by Mr. Oldham, to amend the bill by striking out the following words: "*Provided*, The agent is over forty-five years of age, or otherwise not liable to military duty,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Dortch, to amend the bill by striking out "ten," line 11, and inserting "twenty,"

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 57) explanatory of the act entitled "An act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government," approved the 24th day of April, 1863, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said resolution; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Semmes, by striking out of the enacting clause the words "*do resolve*" and inserting before "*The Congress*" the words

"*Resolved by,*" it was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the resolution read a third time.

The said resolution as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with an amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 125) to establish and organize two bureaus in connection with the agency of the Treasury for the Trans-Mississippi Department, one of which is to be known as the bureau of the auditor and the other as the bureau of the comptroller for the Trans-Mississippi Department, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into secret legislative session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have by unanimous consent agreed to amend the joint resolution (H. R. 42) of thanks to the Thirty-ninth Mississippi Regiment, which has passed both Houses of Congress, by striking out "Thirty-ninth" and inserting "Thirty-seventh;" in which they ask the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the joint resolution (H. R. 42) last mentioned; and

On motion by Mr. Brown, and by unanimous consent,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: On the 16th instant, the President of the Confederate States approved and signed the following acts:

S. 174. An act to authorize the issue of certain bonds for payment to the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company, of the State of Florida;

S. 179. An act making allowances to officers of the Navy of the Confederate States, under certain circumstances, and to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the organization of the Navy," approved March 16, 1861; and

S. 210. An act to aid any State in communicating with and perfecting records concerning its troops.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed joint resolutions of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 58. Joint resolution recommending a day of humiliation, fasting, and prayer;

H. R. 59. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of Posey's old brigade, composed of the Twelfth, Sixteenth, Nineteenth, and Forty-eighth Mississippi regiments;

H. R. 60. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of the Fourth Virginia Infantry; and

II. R. 61. Joint resolution of thanks to the Eighteenth North Carolina Regiment for reenlisting unanimously for the war.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have, on reconsideration, refused to pass the bill of the House (H. R. 94) entitled "An act to provide for wounded and disabled officers, soldiers, and seamen an asylum to be called 'The Veteran Soldiers' Home,'" returned to the House of Representatives by the President of the Confederate States, with his objections thereto, two-thirds of the members of the House not voting in favor thereof.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

S. 158. An act to organize forces to serve during the war;

S. 164. An act to amend an act regulating the granting of furloughs and discharges in hospitals, approved May 1, 1863;

S. 199. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts," approved October 9, 1862;

S. 200. An act to confer additional powers upon courts-martial and military courts;

S. 203. An act to amend the sixty-fifth article of war;

S. 218. An act to amend the act entitled "An act to provide and organize engineer troops to serve during the war," approved 20th March, 1863;

S. 222. An act relating to the appointment of a general and lieutenant-generals;

S. 33. Joint resolution of thanks to Lieut. Gen. E. Kirby Smith, for the battle of Richmond, Ky., and to his lieutenants so specially commended by him, and to all the officers and soldiers of his command in that battle;

H. R. 105. An act to provide an invalid corps;

II. R. 106. An act to allow commissioned officers of the Army rations and the privilege of purchasing clothing from the Quartermaster's Department;

H. R. 120. An act to authorize the impressment of meat for the use of the Army under certain circumstances;

H. R. 122. An act to fix the compensation for the publication in the public gazettes of the acts of Congress;

H. R. 123. An act to authorize the payment of mileage and salary to members-elect of the Second Congress of the Confederate States;

H. R. 128. An act to authorize the promotion of officers, noncommissioned officers, and privates for distinguished skill or valor;

H. R. 129. An act to repeal an act to organize bands of partisan rangers, approved April 21, 1862, and for other purposes;

H. R. 134. An act to repeal certain portions of the act of May 21, 1861, relative to prisoners of war;

H. R. 25. Joint resolution of thanks to Lieutenant-General Longstreet and the officers and men of his command;

H. R. 42. Joint resolution of thanks to the Thirty-seventh Mississippi Regiment;

H. R. 51. Joint resolution of thanks to the Surry Light Artillery;

H. R. 52. Joint resolution construing an act to increase the compensation of certain civil officers and employees in the President's office and in the executive and legislative departments at Richmond for a limited period, approved January 30, 1864;

H. R. 53. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of McGowan's brigade, consisting of Orr's Rifles, the First, Twelfth, Thirteenth, and Fourteenth regiments of South Carolina Volunteers;

H. R. 54. Joint resolution of thanks to the Pee Dee Artillery of South Carolina Volunteers; and

H. R. 55. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of Poague's Artillery Battalion for reenlisting during the war.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., February 17, 1864.

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

In response to your resolution of the 12th ultimo, I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, conveying the information asked for relative to the returns of the company commanders of the Army for the clothing transferred to them for issue and distribution.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., February 17, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith submit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of the Navy, covering an estimate for an additional appropriation required under an act approved on the 16th instant.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., February 17, 1864.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith submit for your consideration a communication from the Secretary of War, covering an estimate for an additional appropriation required by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following joint resolutions were severally read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole:

H. R. 58. Joint resolution recommending a day of humiliation, fasting, and prayer;

H. R. 59. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of Posey's old brigade, composed of the Twelfth, Sixteenth, Nineteenth, and Forty-eighth Mississippi regiments;

H. R. 60. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of the Fourth Virginia Infantry; and

H. R. 61. Joint resolution of thanks to the Eighteenth North Carolina Regiment for reenlisting unanimously for the war; and no amendment being proposed, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said resolutions were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the message of the President, transmitting copies of the charges and specifications in the case of Maj. H. C. Guerin, together with the accompanying documents, be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the bill (S. 214) to repeal an act entitled "An act to authorize the President to confer temporary rank and command, for service with volunteer troops, on officers of the Confederate Army," approved May 21, 1861; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The hour of half past 3 o'clock having arrived,

The Senate took a recess until 7 o'clock p. m.

7 O'CLOCK P. M.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 226) to provide for retiring officers of the Army, with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And they have passed a bill and joint resolution of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 137. An act supplemental to the act entitled "An act to make additional appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four;" and

H. R. 62. Joint resolution in reference to the adoption and publication of an address to the people of the Confederate States.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill and two enrolled joint resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

H. R. 90. An act to make additional appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1864;

H. R. 92. An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds; and

H. R. 98. An act to levy additional taxes for the common defense and support of the Government.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The bill (H. R. 137) supplemental to the act entitled "An act to make additional appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four," was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The joint resolution (H. R. 62) in reference to the adoption and publication of an address to the people of the Confederate States was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Semmes, from the joint select committee appointed to prepare an address to the country on behalf of Congress, submitted a report (No. 21); which was read.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled a bill and joint resolutions of the following titles:

H. R. 130. An act to authorize the organization of auxiliary bureaus of the War Department west of the Mississippi River;

H. R. 34. Joint resolution of thanks to Gen. N. B. Forrest and the officers and men of his command; and

H. R. 41. Joint resolution of thanks to Maj. Gen. J. E. B. Stuart and the officers and men under his command.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill and enrolled joint resolutions last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Orr (by leave) introduced

A joint resolution (S. 34) of thanks to the officers and soldiers of the First Regiment of Cavalry, South Carolina Volunteers; which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. McDonald:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 93. An act to provide tobacco for the Army;

S. 195. An act creating the office of ensign in the Army of the Confederate States; and

S. 213. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide and organize engineer troops to serve during the war," approved March 20, 1863.

They have passed a bill of the Senate (S. 205) to amend an act entitled "An act to punish drunkenness in the Army," approved April 21, 1862, with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have disagreed to the first amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 132) to authorize the increase of compensation to route and special agents of the Post-Office Department, and have agreed to the second amendment of the Senate to the said bill.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendment, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 132) to authorize the increase of compensation to route and special agents of the Post-Office Department; and

On motion by Mr. Oldham,

Resolved, That the Senate recede from their said amendment.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 226) to provide for retiring officers of the Army; and

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 205) to amend an act entitled "An act to punish drunkenness in the Army," approved April 21, 1862; and

Resolved, That they concur therein.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Brown, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 131) to authorize the appointment of two additional clerks for the Navy Department, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Phelan, from the joint committee on public printing, who were instructed to inquire and determine what compensation should be paid

the Public Printer for printing ordered by Congress under a joint resolution, approved January 5, 1864, reported:

That they have had the subject under consideration and have decided that the following prices will be equitable:

For composition, two dollars and fifty cents per thousand ems.

For presswork, including folding and stitching, three dollars per token.

For yeas and nays, one dollar per each hundred copies.

For rule and figure work for which the Public Printer shall pay double price, one hundred per cent on the price above specified for composition.

For each page of the laws passed at the present session, eleven dollars per page of a single copy; to include composition, presswork, pressing, folding, and stitching.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 236. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to establish a volunteer navy,' approved eleventh February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four;"

S. 212. An act to amend the acts of April 1, 1862, and September 23, 1862;

S. 231. An act to attach the county of Noxubee, in the State of Mississippi, to the southern judicial division of said State; and

S. 232. An act in relation to the qualification of State collectors.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The doors having been opened,

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has, to-day, approved and signed the following acts and joint resolution:

S. 164. An act to amend an act regulating the granting of furloughs and discharges in hospitals, approved May 1, 1863;

S. 199. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts," approved October 9, 1862;

S. 203. An act to amend the sixty-fifth article of war;

S. 218. An act to amend the act entitled "An act to provide and organize engineer troops to serve during the war," approved 20th March, 1863;

S. 222. An act relating to the appointment of a general and lieutenant-generals; and

S. 33. Joint resolution of thanks to Lieut. Gen. E. Kirby Smith, for the battle of Richmond, Ky., and to his lieutenants so specially commended by him, and to all the officers and soldiers of his command in that battle.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 138. An act to provide for the more perfect discipline and subordination of the cavalry service;

H. R. 139. An act to provide compensation for noncommissioned officers and soldiers on detailed service;

H. R. 63. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of the Fifty-fifth North Carolina troops; and

H. R. 64. Joint resolution of thanks to the Second, Eleventh, and Forty-second Mississippi regiments.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they have examined and found truly enrolled bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

S. 93. An act to provide tobacco for the Army;

S. 195. An act creating the office of ensign in the Army of the Confederate States;

H. R. 125. An act to establish and organize two bureaux in connection with the agency of the Treasury for the Trans-Mississippi Department, one of which is to be known as the bureau of the auditor and the other as the bureau of the comptroller for the Trans-Mississippi Department;

H. R. 132. An act to authorize the increase of compensation to route and special agents of the Post-Office Department;

H. R. 42. Joint resolution of thanks to the Thirty-seventh Mississippi Regiment; and

H. R. 62. Joint resolution in reference to the adoption and publication of an address to the people of the Confederate States.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

The bill (H. R. 138) to provide for the more perfect discipline and subordination of the cavalry service was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

The bill (H. R. 139) to provide compensation for noncommissioned officers and soldiers on detailed service was read the first and second times and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following joint resolutions were severally read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole:

H. R. 63. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of the Fifty-fifth North Carolina troops;

H. R. 64. Joint resolution of thanks to the Second, Eleventh, and Forty-second Mississippi regiments; and no amendment being proposed, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said resolutions were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That the Senate take a recess until 9 o'clock this morning.

9 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that he has, this day, approved and signed the following acts and joint resolutions:

H. R. 90. An act to make additional appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1864;

H. R. 120. An act to authorize the impressment of meat for the use of the Army under certain circumstances;

H. R. 129. An act to repeal an act to organize bands of partisan rangers, approved April 21, 1862, and for other purposes;

H. R. 130. An act to authorize the organization of auxiliary bureaus of the War Department west of the Mississippi River;

H. R. 105. An act to provide an invalid corps;

H. R. 123. An act to authorize the payment of mileage and salary to members-elect of the Second Congress of the Confederate States;

H. R. 128. An act to authorize the promotion of officers, noncommissioned officers, and privates for distinguished skill or valor;

H. R. 106. An act to allow commissioned officers of the Army rations and the privilege of purchasing clothing from the Quartermaster's Department;

H. R. 134. An act to repeal certain portions of the act of May 21, 1861, relative to prisoners of war;

H. R. 34. Joint resolution of thanks to Gen. N. B. Forrest and the officers and men of his command;

H. R. 41. Joint resolution of thanks to Maj. Gen. J. E. B. Stuart and the officers and men under his command;

H. R. 42. Joint resolution of thanks to the Thirty-seventh Mississippi Regiment;

H. R. 52. Joint resolution construing an act to increase the compensation of certain civil officers and employees in the President's office and in the executive and legislative departments at Richmond for a limited period, approved January 30, 1864;

H. R. 51. Joint resolution of thanks to the Surry Light Artillery;

H. R. 53. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of McGowan's brigade, consisting of Orr's Rifles, the First, Twelfth, Thirteenth, and Fourteenth regiments of South Carolina Volunteers;

H. R. 54. Joint resolution of thanks to the Pee Dee Artillery of South Carolina Volunteers; and

H. R. 55. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of Poagne's Artillery Battalion for reenlisting during the war.

That on the 13th instant he approved and signed the following joint resolutions:

H. R. 30. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of McClung's battery;

H. R. 31. Joint resolution of thanks to the Tenth Mississippi Regiment; and

H. R. 33. Joint resolution to declare the meaning of an act allowing hospital accommodations to sick and wounded officers.

And that on the 15th instant he approved and signed the following joint resolutions:

H. R. 35. Joint resolution of thanks to Virginia troops stationed at Drewry's Bluff;

H. R. 36. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of the Twenty-eighth and Thirteenth regiments of North Carolina troops;

H. R. 37. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of the Third Georgia Regiment;

H. R. 38. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of the Twenty-second Virginia Regiment;

H. R. 39. Joint resolution of thanks to Hart's battery, Hampton Legion, South Carolina Volunteers;

H. R. 40. Joint resolution of thanks to the Sixteenth Mississippi Regiment;

H. R. 44. Joint resolution of thanks to the Forty-sixth and Fifty-fifth regiments of Tennessee Volunteers at Mobile;

H. R. 48. Joint resolution of thanks to the soldiers from the State of Alabama who have reenlisted for the war;

H. R. 49. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of the Seventh and Twelfth regiments of Virginia troops; and

H. R. 50. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of Lomax's brigade.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

H. R. 131. An act to authorize the appointment of two additional clerks for the Navy Department;

H. R. 137. An act supplemental to the act entitled "An act to make additional appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four;"

H. R. 56. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of the Thirty-seventh Regiment of North Carolina troops; and

H. R. 57. Joint resolution explanatory of the act entitled "An act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government," approved the 24th day of April, 1863.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills and enrolled joint resolutions last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Johnson of Arkansas,

Ordered, That the standing committees of the Senate be discharged from the further consideration of all subjects referred to them and not reported on.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sundry enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

S. 205. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to punish drunkenness in the Army," approved April 21, 1862;

S. 213. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide and organize engineer troops to serve during the war," approved March 20, 1863; and

S. 226. An act to provide for retiring officers of the Army.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs,

Ordered, That the official reports of military commanders communicated by the President of the Confederate States to the Senate during the present session, or at any previous session, be laid upon the table, and that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to make an alphabetical list of all such reports.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 121) to provide for the payment of horses killed, captured, lost, or permanently disabled in the Confederate States service, reported it with the recommendation that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Maxwell submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, to join such committee as may be appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to wait upon the President

of the Confederate States and notify him that, unless he may have further communications to make, the two Houses, having completed the business before them, are ready to close the present session by an adjournment.

On motion by Mr. Maxwell,

Ordered, That the committee on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President pro tempore; and

Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Hill were appointed.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: I am directed by the House of Representatives to communicate to the Senate information of the death of the Hon. M. R. H. Garnett, late a member of the House of Representatives from the State of Virginia, and the proceedings of the House of Representatives thereon.

Mr. Caperton submitted the following resolutions; which were considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Senate receives with sincere regret the announcement of the death of the Honorable Muscoe R. H. Garnett, late a member of the House of Representatives from the State of Virginia, and tenders to the relatives of the deceased the assurance of their sympathy with them under the bereavement they have been called to sustain.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to transmit to the family of Mr. Garnett a certified copy of the foregoing resolution.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has, to-day, approved and signed the following acts:

- S. 93. An act to provide tobacco for the Army;
- S. 158. An act to organize forces to serve during the war;
- S. 195. An act creating the office of ensign in the Army of the Confederate States;
- S. 200. An act to confer additional powers upon courts-martial and military courts;
- S. 205. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to punish drunkenness in the Army," approved April 21, 1862;
- S. 212. An act to amend the acts of April 1, 1862, and September 23, 1862;
- S. 213. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide and organize engineer troops to serve during the war," approved March 20, 1863;
- S. 226. An act to provide for retiring officers of the Army;
- S. 231. An act to attach the county of Noxubee, in the State of Mississippi, to the southern judicial division of said State;
- S. 232. An act in relation to the qualifications of State collectors;
- S. 235. An act supplemental to an act entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war;" and
- S. 236. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to establish a volunteer navy,' approved eleventh February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four."

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have appointed a committee, to join such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the Confederate States and notify him that, unless he may have further communications to make, the two Houses, having completed the business before them, are ready to close the present session by an adjournment; and they have appointed Mr. Lyons, Mr. Curry, and Mr. Gartrell the committee on their part.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 13th instant he approved and signed the following acts:

- H. R. 95. An act for the relief of taxpayers in certain cases; and
- H. R. 102. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to organize military courts to attend the Army of the Confederate States in the field, and to define the powers of said courts."

That on the 15th instant he approved and signed the following acts:

H. R. 114. An act to increase the commutation value of hospital rations;

H. R. 118. An act to authorize the purchase and publication of a digest of the laws of the Confederate States; and

H. R. 119. An act to provide for holding elections for Representatives in the Congress of the Confederate States of America from the State of Arkansas.

And that he has to-day approved and signed the following acts and joint resolutions:

H. R. 75. An act to amend an act to regulate impressments, approved March 26, 1863, and to repeal an act amendatory thereof, approved April 27, 1863;

H. R. 82. An act to grant a special copyright to W. J. Hardee and S. H. Goetzel for Hardee's Rifle and Infantry Tactics;

H. R. 92. An act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of notes and bonds;

H. R. 98. An act to levy additional taxes for the common defense and support of the Government;

H. R. 107. An act to increase the efficiency of the Army by the employment of free negroes and slaves in certain capacities;

H. R. 109. An act to increase the compensation of certain officers of the Treasury;

H. R. 111. An act for the relief of Livingston Mims;

H. R. 112. An act to authorize the President to establish additional military courts;

H. R. 115. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States," approved April 24, 1863;

H. R. 117. An act to amend the act for the assessment and collection of taxes, approved May 1, 1863;

H. R. 124. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to organize the Territory of Arizona;"

H. R. 125. An act to establish and organize two bureaus in connection with the agency of the Treasury for the Trans-Mississippi Department, one of which is to be known as the bureau of the auditor and the other as the bureau of the comptroller for the Trans-Mississippi Department;

H. R. 131. An act to authorize the appointment of two additional clerks for the Navy Department;

H. R. 132. An act to authorize the increase of compensation to route and special agents of the Post-Office Department;

H. R. 137. An act supplemental to the act entitled "An act to make additional appropriations for the support of the Government of the Confederate States of America for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four;"

H. R. 20. Joint resolution for the relief of Maj. W. F. Haines;

H. R. 25. Joint resolution of thanks to Lieutenant-General Longstreet and the officers and men of his command;

H. R. 29. Joint resolution for the relief of Maj. Henry R. Hooper;

H. R. 45. Joint resolution of thanks to the Ninth Alabama Regiment;

H. R. 46. Joint resolution of thanks to the Fifteenth and Twenty-seventh regiments of North Carolina troops, Cooke's brigade;

H. R. 47. Joint resolution of thanks to the enlisted men of Douglas' (Texas) battery;

H. R. 56. Joint resolution of thanks to the officers and men of the Thirty-seventh Regiment of North Carolina troops;

H. R. 57. Joint resolution explanatory of the act entitled "An act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government," approved the 24th day of April, 1863; and

H. R. 62. Joint resolution in reference to the adoption and publication of an address to the people of the Confederate States.

Mr. Henry submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate are hereby tendered to the Honorable R. M. T. Hunter, President pro tempore of the Senate, for the dignity, impartiality, and ability with which he has presided over the deliberations of the Senate during the present Congress.

Whereupon,

Mr. Hunter addressed the Senate as follows:

SENATORS: It is with no ordinary emotion that I rise to return you my thanks for the honor you have done me, and to offer you my parting salutation. I should be insensible indeed if I could be indifferent to any mark of respect or regard from those with whom I have worked so long in friendly association, and to whom I am bound by the ties of a common and a holy cause.

The session which we are about to bring to a close is, perhaps, the most eventful in our history; and its results have proved our determined purpose to throw the whole energies of our people into the war. It has been in no stinted numbers and with no sparing hand that we have placed men in the field and imposed the taxes necessary to maintain and support them. For what is life and what is property in comparison with personal freedom and national independence? If there be any man who is disposed to count the cost or hesitate at the sacrifice, let him reflect on the one hand upon the nature of the subjugation with which we are threatened, and estimate on the other the priceless fruits of victory—peace, liberty, independence, unrivaled opportunities for moral, material, and social development, and a renown which the proudest nations of the earth might admire and envy.

The evidences which are being given of the fixed and unalterable purpose of our people to spare no effort and to hesitate at no sacrifice which may be necessary to support the cause upon which they have staked their all afford to the impartial observer the best augury of the success which we feel and believe to be certain and assured. We feel it to be certain because we know that, after three years of such a war as that which we have waged, we have at this day the most efficient Army which we have ever placed in the field, and that we can command the resources to maintain and support it, not only now, but for as long a period as may be necessary to achieve our independence. Enough has already been done by the people of the Confederate States to characterize the contest on their part as being amongst the most glorious of those which are commemorated on the page of history. When has the world beheld a nobler spectacle than that of a whole people springing to arms in defense of their liberties, and maintaining the war for three long years by levies en masse—the living pressing forward with unflinching will and unfaltering devotion to take the places of the dead who fell where they held the front ranks of battle? Woman forgets her feebleness in the excitement of the struggle, and manhood gathers fresh strength under the inspiration of the cause as the struggle waxes fiercer, until the whole border, for thousands of miles, resounds with the din of arms and the shout of the battle cry.

It is in the face of such a spectacle as this that the mighty nations of the earth have folded their arms, in silent indifference, and refused utterance to that word of recognition which at one time might have given peace to others without injury to themselves, and thus saved a continent from a war which will be ever memorable in history for its miseries, its atrocities, and destructiveness. Their statesmen have boasted of a cold neutrality in a contest when there was everything on the one side to enlist human sympathy and respect, and everything on the other to excite reprobation and detestation; and yet, if we had fallen, as they seem most erroneously to have supposed at the commencement of our struggle, what a wail of humanity would have ascended to heaven to demand judgment against them from Him who rules the destinies of nations, for having permitted the suffering which the mere expression of public opinion at one time might have saved.

But when we have achieved the victory and won our independence, it will be a proud thing to know that we shall owe them only to God and ourselves, and that we are under no obligation to any other nation for alliance and assistance. The liberty which is bought by the blood of heroes and martyrs is always the most jealously and faithfully preserved, and the teachings of even one year of such a war as this, in regard to the conduct of public affairs, may be more valuable to a people than the experience of a whole century of peace.

Senators, you are about to return to your homes. Be it yours to cheer the hearts of the people and to strengthen the arm of our defense. If you speak to the farmer and producer, remind them of their heroic defenders in the field, who stand as a living wall between them and the unspeakable woe and oppressions of such a subjugation as that with which we have been threatened. Tell them it is their duty to feed and clothe the gallant men who protect them, and to see to it that they discharge their duties with no niggard heart or stinted hand. If you speak in the camps, tell the soldier that the eyes of the country and the world are fixed upon him; remind him of the mighty interests which are staked upon the issues of the war; and truly may you say to him that victory, in such a contest, will bring to him a fame which shall be imperishable as time itself, and above all which adorns the Roman or the Grecian name. If it be your own heart with which you commune, see if there be cherished in it any emotion of unholy ambition or any selfish aspiration which interferes with the singleness of your pursuit of the one great object; and if there be, pluck it out and cast it from you. For, after discharging the duties which we owe to God, there should be one hope, one interest, and one desire; and all should be concentrated on that great and holy cause upon which we have staked not only fortune, family, and home, but personal liberty and national independence.

And now, Senators, imploring, as I do, the divine blessing upon you and upon our cause, and wishing that we may all meet here in May next to miss no familiar face and find no place made vacant by death, but with renewed hopes and refreshed energies to discharge our duties to the country, I offer to each and all of you the right hand of friendship and of fellowship, and bid you an affectionate farewell.

Mr. Hill, from the committee appointed on the part of the Senate, jointly with the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to wait on the President of the Confederate States and notify him that, unless he may have further communication to make, the two Houses, having completed the business before them, are ready to close the present session by an adjournment, reported that they had performed the duty assigned them; and that the President replied "that he had no further communication to make."

Whereupon,

The President pro tempore declared the Senate to be adjourned sine die.

SECRET SESSION.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that on the 15th instant he approved and signed the following acts:
H. R. 101. An act making additional appropriation of secret service money; and
H. R. 113. An act to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases.

The House of Representatives have passed the bill of the Senate (S. 235) supplemental to an act entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war."

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 103) to authorize the issue of certain cotton certificates, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The title was amended so as to read: "An act to ratify the issue of certain cotton certificates."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 116) to authorize a further foreign loan, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

the bill (H. R. 115) to amend an act entitled "An act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States," approved April 24, 1863, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, as in Committee of the Whole, to the consideration of the said bill; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass with amendments.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Ordered, That the message of the President of the Confederate States of the 15th of February last, transmitting copies of the charges and specifications, and of the accompanying papers, in the case of Maj. H. C. Guerin, commissary of subsistence, be transferred to the Open Legislative Calendar.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The Senate having again resolved into secret legislative session,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

H. R. 117. An act to amend the act for the assessment and collection of taxes, approved May 1, 1863; and

S. 194. An act to organize bodies for the capture and destruction of the enemy's property, by land or sea, and to authorize compensation for the same.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

Mr. Haynes (by leave) introduced

A bill (S. 237) to release persons from the penalties imposed for the nondelivery of the tax in kind, and to reduce the amount thereof under certain circumstances;

which was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into executive session.

The Senate having again resolved into secret legislative session,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have passed a bill (H. R. 136) to amend the tax law of the present session of Congress; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

And they have disagreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 103) to authorize the issue of certain cotton certificates.

The House of Representatives insist upon their amendments to the bill of the Senate (S. 209) to establish a bureau of foreign supplies, agree to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and have appointed Mr. Perkins, Mr. Lyon, and Mr. Machen managers at the same on their part.

The bill (H. R. 136) to amend the tax law of the present session of Congress was read the first and second times and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That it lie upon the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill (H. R. 103) to authorize the issue of certain cotton certificates; and

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Resolved, That the Senate adhere to their amendments to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

The Senate having again resolved into secret legislative session,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Caperton, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled

A bill (H. R. 115) to amend an act entitled "An act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States," approved April 24, 1863.

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, it was delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the bill (S. 52) passed at the last session, to fix the rank of officers in the military and naval service of the Confederate States holding commissions under the Provisional Government when reappointed to offices of the same grade under the Permanent Government.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the passage of the bill (H. R. 115) to amend an act entitled "An act to lay taxes for the common defense and carry on the Government of the Confederate States," approved April 24, 1863.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

Mr. Dortch, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the following titles:

H. R. 116. An act to authorize a further foreign loan; and

S. 235. An act supplemental to an act entitled "An act to organize forces to serve during the war."

The President pro tempore having signed the enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, they were delivered to the Secretary of the Senate and by him forthwith presented to the President of the Confederate States for his approval.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have appointed Mr. Graham and Mr. Conrad, as managers on their part, at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (S. 209) to establish a bureau of foreign supplies, in the place of Mr. Perkins and Mr. Lyon.

The House of Representatives have passed bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 227. An act to authorize the transfer of a certain appropriation; and

S. 237. An act to release persons from the penalties imposed for the nondelivery of the tax in kind, and to reduce the amount thereof under certain circumstances.

Mr. Maxwell, from the committee of conference on the part of the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (S. 209) to establish a bureau of foreign supplies, reported

That they have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its amendments to said bill.

That, instead of the amendment proposed by the House to the seventh section of said bill, the following is recommended: Strike out all after the words "lieutenant-colonel," in the seventh section, and insert as follows, to wit: "and such inferior officers as may be assigned to that duty, with such agents and clerks as the President may deem necessary, whose compensation shall be fixed by the Secretary of War."

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report; and

Resolved, That they concur therein, and that the bill be amended accordingly.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

Ordered, That the injunction of secrecy be removed from the passage of the bill (S. 237) to release persons from the penalties imposed for the nondelivery of the tax in kind, and to reduce the amount thereof under certain circumstances.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the message of the President of the Confederate States relative to Gen. A. R. Lawton and Gen. J. B. Gordon.

A message from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the Confederate States has, to-day, approved and signed an act (S. 194) to organize bodies for the capture and destruction of the enemy's property, by land or sea, and to authorize compensation for the same.

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dalton:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives have agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (S. 209) to establish a bureau of foreign supplies.

The President of the Confederate States has notified the House of Representatives that he has this day approved and signed an act (H. R. 116) to authorize a further foreign loan.

On motion by Mr. Semmes,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

The following messages were received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. B. N. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, VA., *February 17, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I hereby nominate P. W. Gray, of Texas, to be a member of the military court, Lieutenant-General Holmes' corps, with rank of colonel of cavalry in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 17, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of P. W. Gray, of Texas, to be member of military court, Lieutenant-General Holmes' corps, with rank of colonel of cavalry in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to date from confirmation.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 17, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 16, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for promotion in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Colonels.

Lieut. Col. D. N. Moody, of Mississippi, to be colonel Twenty-first Mississippi Regiment, vice Col. W. L. Brandon, resigned, to rank from October 28, 1863.

Lieut. Col. James S. Gholston, of Georgia, to be colonel Sixteenth Georgia Regiment, vice Colonel Thomas, killed, to rank from November 29, 1863.

Lieut. Col. C. C. Sanders, of Georgia, to be colonel Twenty-fourth Georgia Regiment, vice Colonel McMillan, resigned, to rank from January 9, 1864.

Lieut. Col. C. R. Fontaine, of Virginia, to be colonel Fifty-seventh Virginia Regiment, vice Colonel Magruder, killed, to rank from July 5, 1863.

Lieutenant-colonels.

Maj. John Sims, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-first Mississippi Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Moody, promoted, to rank from October 28, 1863.

Maj. J. Hamilton, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Phillips (Georgia) Legion, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Barclay, resigned, to rank from December 31, 1863.

Maj. John P. Fitzgerald, of Virginia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-third Virginia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Walton, killed, to rank from November 27, 1863.

Maj. W. P. Crawford, of Georgia, to be lieutenant-colonel Twenty-eighth Georgia Regiment, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Cain, resigned, to rank from January 20, 1864.

Maj. L. B. Pardue, of Mississippi, to be lieutenant-colonel Seventh Mississippi Battalion, vice Lieutenant-Colonel Welborn, resigned, to rank from January 2, 1863.

Majors.

Capt. A. J. Richardson, of Virginia, to be major Twenty-third Virginia Regiment, vice Major Fitzgerald, promoted, to rank from November 27, 1863.

Capt. James Dickey, of Georgia, to be major Fifty-first Georgia Regiment, vice Major Dunwody, killed, to rank from July 2, 1863.

Capt. J. B. Kennedy, of Mississippi, to be major Twenty-seventh Mississippi Regiment, vice Major McLemore, killed, to rank from October 5, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *February 17, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 51.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 17, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS-GENERAL.

Captains.

William B. Reese, of Tennessee, to take rank from May 24, 1863.

R. Todhunter, of Kentucky, to take rank from January 16, 1864.

James T. Browne, of Virginia, to take rank from January 30, 1864.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 16, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 46.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 12, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Quartermasters—majors.

C. B. Gwathmey, of Virginia, to take rank from January 26, 1864.

S. M. H. Byrd, of Georgia, to take rank from January 26, 1864.

Benjamin E. Crane, of Georgia, to take rank from January 13, 1864.

Assistant quartermasters—captains.

Jos. H. Seawell, of Alabama, to take rank from December 31, 1863.

W. D. Bloxham, of Florida, to take rank from January 3, 1864.

William L. Lumpkin, of Georgia, to take rank from September 30, 1863.
 James Beaty, of South Carolina, to take rank from January 18, 1864.
 Nicholas Owings, of Maryland, to take rank from December 3, 1863.
 J. W. Williams, of South Carolina, to take rank from January 15, 1864.
 A. S. English, of Kentucky, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 James H. Ryan, of North Carolina, to take rank from January 6, 1864.
 Jos. D. Powell, of North Carolina, to take rank from December 30, 1863.
 T. M. Robinson, of North Carolina, to take rank from January 18, 1864.
 A. G. Evans, of Texas, to take rank from December 22, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 17, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

No. 46½.] WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 12, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Quartermaster—major.

W. C. Scott, of Virginia, to take rank from January 20, 1864.

Assistant quartermasters—captains.

J. L. Dunham, of Florida, to take rank from December 31, 1863.
 Marshall Lake, of Virginia, to take rank from January 7, 1864.
 S. W. Morgan, of Tennessee, to take rank from May 2, 1863.
 John Crockford, of Virginia, to take rank from February 3, 1864.
 William A. Strong, of Mississippi, to take rank from January 29, 1864.
 S. C. Head, of Louisiana, to take rank from May 4, 1863.
 Z. A. Phillips, of Mississippi, to take rank from January 20, 1864.
 Charles S. Harris, of Tennessee, to take rank from December 26, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 17, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, December 8, 1863.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

Captains.

Sergt. W. A. Pegram, of Virginia, to be captain Company F, Twenty-first Virginia Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from May 20, 1863.

Maynard Gill, of Mississippi, to be captain Company E, Thirty-first Mississippi Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from May 2, 1863.

Second Lieut. L. W. Farmer, of Georgia, to be captain Company G, Thirty-eighth Georgia Regiment, the first lieutenant found incompetent for promotion, to rank from May 2, 1863.

John F. Tompkins, of Virginia, to be captain Company A, Twenty-second Virginia Battalion, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from November 15, 1862.

S. A. Ragland, of Arkansas, to be captain Company F, Twenty-sixth Arkansas Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from May 20, 1863.

W. C. Bourn, of Virginia, to be captain Company I, Fifty-first Virginia Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from May 28, 1863.

John M. Preston, of Virginia, to be captain Company B, Forty-eighth Virginia Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from May 26, 1863.

F. S. White, of Arkansas, to be captain Company E, Fifth Arkansas Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from June 5, 1863.

S. H. Newberry, of Virginia, to be captain Company F, Fifty-first Virginia Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from May 29, 1863.

H. T. Coffee, of Mississippi, to be captain Company A, Forty-eighth Mississippi Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from June 9, 1863.

H. W. Abernathy, of North Carolina, to be captain Company A, Thirty-fourth North Carolina Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from June 6, 1863.

James L. Clark, of Virginia, to be captain Company F, Twelfth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from June 16, 1863.

B. B. Bower, of Georgia, to be captain Company B, Sixty-second Georgia Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from May 2, 1863.

George T. Fry, of Tennessee, to be captain Company H, Thirty-second Tennessee Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from May 2, 1863.

W. H. Bray, of Virginia, to be captain Company B, Fifty-third Virginia Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from July 27, 1863.

G. Dewson, of Florida, to be captain Company G, First Florida Cavalry Regiment, no material in the regiment fit for promotion, to rank from August 6, 1863.

I. Blake, of Florida, to be captain Company B, First Florida Cavalry Regiment, no material in the regiment fit for promotion, to rank from August 6, 1863.

J. M. Footman, of Florida, to be captain Company E, First Florida Cavalry Regiment, no material in the regiment fit for promotion, to rank from August 6, 1863.

D. E. Maxwell, of Florida, to be captain Company D, First Florida Cavalry Regiment, no material in the regiment fit for promotion, to rank from August 6, 1863.

W. H. McAfee, of Georgia, to be captain Company N, Thirty-eighth Georgia Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from May 21, 1863.

C. M. B. Thurmond, of Missouri, to be captain Company F, Second Missouri Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from July 20, 1863.

R. N. Thomas, of Virginia, to be captain Company G, Fifty-sixth Virginia Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from October 16, 1863.

T. T. Slade, of North Carolina, to be captain Company H, Twenty-second North Carolina Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from October 27, 1863.

E. M. Clayton, of North Carolina, to be captain Company K, Sixtieth North Carolina Regiment, the first lieutenant found incompetent and the other officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from June 17, 1863.

G. F. Robinson, of Georgia, to be captain Company K, Thirty-eighth Georgia Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from August 18, 1863.

Joseph H. Du Pont, of Florida, to be captain Company H, First Florida Cavalry Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from August 27, 1863.

Love E. Gilbert, of Alabama, to be captain Company F, Twenty-eighth Alabama Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to take rank from September 17, 1863.

J. F. Tucker, of Florida, to be captain Bryan's Company Florida Volunteers, the officers entitled to promotion declining to appear before an examining board, to rank from October 11, 1863.

J. A. Shaw, of Florida, to be captain Company A, Eighth Florida Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from May 24, 1863.

First lieutenants.

T. A. Gatch, of Virginia, to be first lieutenant Company H, Sixth Virginia Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from May 2, 1863.

S. A. Willcoxon, of Alabama, to be first lieutenant Company B, Sixth Alabama Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from May 20, 1863.

C. S. Findlay, of Georgia, to be first lieutenant Company G, Thirty-second Georgia Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from June 4, 1863.

Robert L. Blair, of Tennessee, to be first lieutenant Company G, Nineteenth Tennessee Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from May 30, 1863.

R. G. Redwood, of Alabama, to be first lieutenant Company K, Forty-third Alabama Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from June 23, 1863.

M. E. Brock, of Florida, to be first lieutenant Company B, First Florida Cavalry Regiment, no material in the regiment fit for promotion, to rank from August 6, 1863.

F. P. Fleming, of Florida, to be first lieutenant Company D, First Florida Cavalry Regiment, no material in the regiment fit for promotion, to rank from August 6, 1863.

R. F. Hart, of Florida, to be first lieutenant Company E, First Florida Cavalry Regiment, no material in the regiment fit for promotion, to rank from August 6, 1863.

Richard K. Taylor, of Florida, to be first lieutenant Company G, First Florida Cavalry Regiment, no material in the regiment fit for promotion, to rank from August 6, 1863.

John W. Nash, of Florida, to be first lieutenant Company I, First Florida Cavalry Regiment, no material in the regiment fit for promotion, to rank from August 6, 1863.

F. T. Rice, of Tennessee, to be first lieutenant Company K, Ninth Tennessee Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from August 4, 1863.

E. H. Holton, of Arkansas, to be first lieutenant Company D, Eighth Arkansas Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from August 16, 1863.

James Reid, of Louisiana, to be first lieutenant Company D, Fourth Louisiana Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from May 2, 1863.

L. S. Warren, of Mississippi, to be first lieutenant Company H, Eighth Mississippi Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion found incompetent, to rank from August 28, 1863.

E. J. Williams, of North Carolina, to be first lieutenant Company I, Thirty-first North Carolina Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from October 9, 1863.

E. J. Bowen, of North Carolina, to be first lieutenant Company K, Thirty-first North Carolina Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from October 21, 1863.

J. N. Turner, of North Carolina, to be first lieutenant Company F, Fifteenth North Carolina Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from November 9, 1863.

E. A. Williams, of Virginia, to be first lieutenant Company G, Fourteenth Virginia Regiment, the officers entitled to promotion waiving their claims, to rank from November 10, 1863.

Second lieutenants.

John F. Toulmin, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant Company B, Twenty-first Alabama Regiment, the company failed (at three elections) to elect a competent officer, to rank from May 21, 1863.

O. S. Cohen, of Georgia, to be second lieutenant Company G, Thirty-second Georgia Regiment, the officer elected found incompetent, to rank from June 4, 1863.

W. M. Mittag, of North Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company H, Thirty-fourth North Carolina Regiment, no material in the company to select from, to rank from June 6, 1863.

T. H. Davis, of North Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company D, Thirty-fourth North Carolina Regiment, no material in the company to select from, to rank from June 6, 1863.

James Tiddy, of North Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company E, Thirty-fourth North Carolina Regiment, no material in the company to select from, to rank from June 6, 1863.

P. A. Rutledge, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant Company C, Twenty-fifth Alabama Regiment, at several elections the company failed to elect a competent officer, to rank from July 8, 1863.

J. B. Corkern, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant Company B, Fourth Louisiana Regiment, the officer elected found incompetent, to rank from May 2, 1863.

D. B. Gorham, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant Company H, Fourth Louisiana Regiment, the officer elected found incompetent, to rank from May 2, 1863.

W. T. McJilton, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant Company E, Fourth Louisiana Regiment, the officer elected found incompetent, to rank from May 2, 1863.

D. McCarthy, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant Company D, Fourth Louisiana Regiment, the officer elected found incompetent, to rank from May 2, 1863.

A. W. Roberts, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant Company C, Fourth Louisiana Regiment, the officer elected found incompetent, to rank from May 2, 1863.

E. A. Carmouche, of Louisiana, to be second lieutenant Company F, Fourth Louisiana Regiment, the officer elected found incompetent, to rank from May 2, 1863.

C. T. Pollard, jr., of Alabama, to be second lieutenant Company K, Thirty-eighth Alabama Regiment, the officer elected found incompetent, to rank from May 2, 1863.

J. Belton, of Florida, to be second lieutenant, First Florida Cavalry Regiment, Company E, no material in the company to select from, to rank from May 2, 1863.

H. F. Horne, of Florida, to be second lieutenant Company G, First Florida Cavalry Regiment, no material in the company to select from, to rank from May 2, 1863.

George W. Dell, of Florida, to be second lieutenant Company I, First Florida Cavalry Regiment, no material in the company to select from, to rank from May 2, 1863.

N. W. Eppes, of Florida, to be second lieutenant Company H, First Florida Cavalry Regiment, no material in the company to select from, to rank from May 2, 1863.

W. G. Hinson, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Rutledge Mounted Rifle and Horse Artillery Squadron, to rank from August 15, 1863.

E. F. Cordell, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company C, Sixtieth Virginia Regiment, appointed by the colonel and ratified by the company, to rank from September 1, 1862.

John L. Boswell, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company D, Sixtieth Virginia Regiment, appointed by the colonel and ratified by the company, to rank from August 27, 1862.

N. G. Robinson, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company I, Sixtieth Virginia Regiment, appointed by the colonel and ratified by the company, to rank from August 25, 1862.

Horatio Davis, of North Carolina, to be second lieutenant Moore's Battery Light Artillery, to rank from August 20, 1863.

A. B. Barnett, of Missouri, to be second lieutenant Company A, First Missouri Regiment, no material in the company to select from, to rank from November 16, 1863.

A. C. Massenburg, of North Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company D, Fifteenth North Carolina Regiment, the officer elected found incompetent, to rank from September 2, 1863.

William Knox, of Alabama, to be second lieutenant First Alabama Battalion Artillery, to rank from October 5, 1863.

William Ayres, of Mississippi, to be second lieutenant Company K, Thirtieth Mississippi Regiment, at two elections the company failed to elect a competent officer, to rank from May 2, 1863.

G. Poindexter, of Mississippi, to be second lieutenant, Madison Light Artillery, the officer elected found incompetent, to rank from July 30, 1863.

C. C. Croxton, of Virginia, to be second lieutenant Company K, Fourth Virginia Cavalry Regiment, the officer elected found incompetent, to rank from May 2, 1863.

John A. Cannon, of North Carolina, to be second lieutenant Moore's battery, Sergeant Major Cannon has been in command of the company since the 19th May, 1863, all the officers of the company being either killed or wounded, to rank from October 31, 1863.

M. T. Hutchinson, of South Carolina, to be second lieutenant Company I, Fourth South Carolina Regiment, the officer elected found incompetent, to rank from November 5, 1863.

G. A. Foote, of Missouri, to be second lieutenant Company K, First Missouri Regiment, no material in the company to select from, to rank from November 13, 1863.

P. W. Collins, of Missouri, to be second lieutenant Company D, First Missouri Regiment, no material in the company to select from, to rank from November 13, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 17, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate the officers on the accompanying list to the rank affixed to their names, respectively.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 17, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the following nominations for appointment in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America:

MILITARY COURT.

Trans-Mississippi Department.

B. L. Hodge, of Louisiana, presiding judge; G. M. Bryan, of Texas, member; M. R. Cullen, of Missouri, member; A. W. Johnson, of Arkansas, judge-advocate; to rank from date of confirmation.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 16, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of War, I nominate F. R. Lubbock, of Texas, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Richmond, February 16, 1864.*

SIR: I have the honor to recommend the nomination of F. R. Lubbock, late governor of Texas, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, in the Provisional Army of the Confederate States of America, to report to Maj. Gen. J. B. Magruder, to rank from November 5, 1863.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

To His Excellency JEFFERSON DAVIS,
President, etc.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

RICHMOND, VA., *February 17, 1864.*

To the Senate of the Confederate States:

I herewith transmit for your information, in executive session, a communication from the Postmaster-General relative to the removal of certain persons from offices in his Department.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT, *February 17, 1864.*

SIR: In compliance with the third paragraph of the second section of the second article of the Constitution, I have the honor to report the removal of the following officers of this Department, "together with the reasons therefor:"

Thomas W. McMahon, clerk, removed August 6, 1863. Cause of removal: Repeated neglect of duty, and being quarrelsome with his associates.

W. H. F. Hall, clerk, removed September 16, 1863. Cause of removal: Drunkenness and neglect of duty.

Also, by order of the President, on the 4th August, 1863, Mrs. Susan W. Thruston, postmaster at Greenville, Greenville district, South Carolina. Cause of removal: The postmaster being a lady, did not attend to the duties of the office in person, and the person in actual charge of the office is charged with misconduct and malpractice in office.

I am, very respectfully,

JOHN H. REAGAN,
Postmaster-General.

The PRESIDENT.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of J. Bates, Baxter Smith, J. E. Carter, A. F. Rudler, John Dunovant, A. D. Moore, John T. Cox, H. E. Coleman, Bushrod Jones, F. Dumonteil, Julien Harrison, T. S. Gallaway, Henry Maury, P. C. Gaillard, C. C. Wilbourn, J. W. A. Sanford, Bolling Hall, jr., William Miller, to be colonels; E. V. White, V. A. Witcher, N. L. Hutchins, A. W. Terrell, J. M. Bell, R. B. Snowden, I. F. Harrison, W. T. Robins, J. T. Smith, W. M. Elliott, J. H. Nethercutt, T. A. McDonell, S. M. Hyams, J. W. Inzer, T. W. Brevard, J. F. McClellan, P. F. Anderson, A. M. Waddell, Ridgely Brown, John M. Martin, H. C. Davis, P. E. Davant, T. J. Myers, A. S. Hamilton, Julius A. Blake, C. McLaurin, John D. McLennan, D. S. Troy, F. L. Childs, William L. Duff, to be lieutenant-colonels; J. E. Robertson, N. R. Cary, J. R. Davis, Alex. H. Chalmers, P. Hammock, T. D. Caswell, C. G. Wright, G. A. Ball, H. I. Thornton, John H. Gee, Frank Maney, W. S. Bledsoe, R. Moore, P. B. Bird, R. H. Partridge, J. W. Nisbet, Jos. Abney, A. B. Hays, T. R. Stockdale, G. W. Huguley, Hatch Cook, Samuel W. Davitte, W. B. Jones, George W. Scott, and M. P. Taylor, to be majors; J. A. Maxwell, William M. Crumley, G. McMillan, W. E. Simmons, J. F. Martin, John W. King, J. C. Winder, N. N. Gober, B. M. Turner, and W. M. Carter, to be captains; James H. Williams, S. H. Ware, W. R. Montgomery, T. L. Ardis, J. Rhett Miles, J. A. Huger, F. T. Hawkes, William Scott, J. Towers, S. M. Jackson, and T. B. Slaughter, to be first lieutenants; C. B. Richardson, G. C. Conner, D. J. Smith, E. B. Middleton, Thomas S. Wayne, C. L. Schlatter, G. P. Butler, J. B. Griffin, Alfred Moore, John B. Elliott, W. F. Colcock, R. Soutter, C. S. Patillo, W. T. Iglehart, F. C. Lucas, I. Dessau, H. W. De Saussure, T. D. Guinn, E. H. Chandler, D. Bunt, C. H. Strickland, H. M. Stuart, R. Falligant, René E. Cortes, D. Coffery, S. M. Kemmerlin, E. C. Edgerton, A. M. Hartsfield, J. W. Hightower, J. T. Hunt, J. Turpin, A. W. Reese, P. H. Morel, J. B. O'Brien, A. Gough, J. W. Barrett, U. B. Gwynn, J. F. Dargan, T. M. De Lorme, James C. Reynolds, C. K. Huger, J. M. Martin, Jos. A. Young, E. Coffin, L. Glover, C. H. Claiborne, W. D. Martin, T. J. Heyward, John Harleston, Thomas E. Lucas, to be second lieutenants, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith,

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of R. Ransom, to be major-general; J. Patton Anderson, to be major-general; Allen Thomas, to be brigadier-general; J. J. Wharton and Theo. S. Garnett, to be aids-de-camp, with rank of first lieutenant; E. L. Moore, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of major; A. C. Sorrel, R. S. Abercrombie, John R. Ely, E. H. Gregory, Clifton Walker, and Fred. R. Blake, to be assistant adjutants-general, with the rank of captain; William B. Reese, R. Todhunter, and James T. Browne, to be assistant adjutants-general, with the rank of captain, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

The following message was received from the President of the Confederate States, by Mr. Harrison, his Secretary:

RICHMOND, February 17, 1864.

To the Senate:

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury, I hereby nominate Robert Howard Gamble, to be collector of taxes for the State of Florida.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

The message was read.

The Senate proceeded to consider the nomination of Robert Howard Gamble, to be collector of taxes for the State of Florida; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the nomination of H. Heth, to be major-general, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

After debate,

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of H. Heth, to be major-general?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 13
Nays 10

On motion by Mr. Orr,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnett, Caperton, Clay, Haynes, Henry, Hill, Hunter, Johnson of Georgia, Maxwell, Phelan, Semmes, Simms, and Sparrow.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Baker, Brown, Clark, Johnson of Arkansas, Johnson of Missouri, Mitchel, Oldham, Orr, Reade, and Wigfall.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of H. Heth, to be major-general, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was

referred the nomination of George B. Hodge, to be brigadier-general, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be not confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

After debate,

On the question,

Will the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of George B. Hodge, to be brigadier-general?

It was determined in the negative,

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate do not advise and consent to the appointment of George B. Hodge, to be brigadier-general.

On motion by Mr. Burnett, that the vote on rejecting the nomination of George B. Hodge, to be brigadier-general, be reconsidered,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Semmes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the nomination of Sanders G. Jamison, to be chief of the Treasury Note Bureau, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to his appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of Thomas L. Rosser, James A. Walker, John M. Jones, D. H. Cooper, H. H. Walker, Francis M. Cockrell, J. P. Major, S. W. Ferguson, L. L. Lomax, Eppa Hunton, H. B. Davidson, Cullen A. Battle, Goode Bryan, M. C. Butler, A. W. Reynolds, A. Perrin, E. W. Pettus, A. L. Long, H. R. Jackson, G. C. Wharton, James B. Gordon, James A. Smith, M. P. Lowrey, Edward Higgins, P. M. B. Young, John T. Morgan, J. H. Kelly, C. C. Wilson, J. J. Finley, J. H. Clanton, and A. J. Vaughan, to be brigadier-generals, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of John Adams and J. S. Marmaduke, to be brigadier-generals, reported the same.

The Senate proceeded to consider said nominations; and

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of N. R. Fitzhugh, G. McKendree, N. O. Tilton, W. D. Peck, C. L. Randolph, F. P. Beck, John Crawford, E. B. Branch, R. J. Echols, B. P. Roy, J. H. Henshaw, W. H. Moore, Fern M. Wood, E. W. Herndon, C. V. Cosby, John W. Bell, E. L. Hord, S. C. Muldon, H. M. Davenport, T. A. Burke, John Webb, J. E. Mason, John B. Neal, T. B. Beall, M. McCarthy, H. B. Adams, Thomas S. Smith, P. H. Woodward, J. D. Richardson, E. B. Fort, W. L. McConnico, A. H. Galloway, G. S. Atkins, B. D. Williams, Thomas J. Jenkins, John Hughes, W. E. Clarke, William H. Miller,

T. W. Coles, S. R. Chisman, J. Livingston, J. G. Michaeloffsky, H. S. Routh, E. McMahon, S. F. Power, C. S. Wallach, S. Hillyer, C. McGivern, and E. C. White, to be quartermasters, with the rank of major; T. C. Robertson, W. J. Lynham, jr., W. M. Armstrong, M. V. Moore, C. F. Bahnson, S. Y. Caldwell, F. G. Rocke, Joseph Brown, W. P. M. Ashley, D. A. Parker, F. C. Malain, John Frizzell, James Clayton, B. C. Henry, J. R. Mordecai, H. P. Richmond, W. A. Wilburn, J. C. Graham, J. M. Pickens, Y. E. Keirolf, Eugene Bohen, J. Clayton, T. H. Brame, W. E. Peirce, W. B. Jones, J. B. King, G. C. Sebastian, J. M. Wilson, J. R. Miller, John J. White, H. A. Stubbs, D. Behen, jr., J. M. Bliss, J. W. Bassert, Daniel Jones, S. T. Cocke, T. P. Lockhart, T. W. Dinkins, James S. Oden, J. M. Powell, George P. Erwin, R. W. Mayrant, T. M. Fulton, W. O. Hagerty, R. B. Munford, E. C. Green, O. P. Meares, John Maguire, H. J. Oattis, D. Lotspeich, T. F. Bell, G. Elgin, S. T. Fagan, N. Moores, J. A. Yarbrough, Charles J. White, James Fitz James, William J. Malone, H. Bondurant, J. D. Tulloss, E. F. Pearson, George E. Price, W. G. Toomer, S. S. Walker, C. Reese, jr., E. R. Peabody, J. W. Wallace, G. H. Gregory, T. H. Williams, J. V. McNamee, W. H. Cook, J. B. Sullivan, W. D. Bacon, M. F. Gonzales, J. Miltenberger, W. F. Erskine, W. E. Weaver, J. H. Wright, S. C. Painter, Tench Schley, J. S. Hamilton, B. S. James, J. L. Keith, C. A. Poelnitz, F. Wolf, R. F. Cook, Albion Martin, W. W. Doss, B. E. Etheridge, Charles C. Sims, S. L. Bracey, J. M. Pender, John G. Clark, F. E. Bridge, W. H. Stiles, E. H. Barnett, B. C. Willis, Frank Potts, R. C. Osbourne, H. Finley, J. B. Ritchey, J. S. Westbrook, E. J. Hamilton, C. Leflore, S. H. Everitt, R. P. Hunter, W. P. Golightly, T. Hunter, jr., F. M. Harney, H. C. Robards, Thomas A. Dodson, Chr. Fr. Krull, Charles S. Davis, George E. Macon, J. P. Dickinson, John H. Thomas, William H. Rogers, C. T. Benniss, C. G. Paleske, J. P. Ford, W. W. Vaught, E. McIntosh, N. S. Adams, J. A. Grayson, E. Harvey, John D. Brooks, John M. Burr, D. L. Cohen, George W. Thomas, John W. Faust, A. Stephens, James B. White, J. G. McElroy, Alexander M. Earle, W. K. Hyer, Martin V. Moore, A. G. Smith, J. H. Johnson, C. Thomas, J. Law Hoof, W. P. Anderson, S. M. May, C. C. Hammock, John S. Claghorn, Clay Rice, W. E. Frankland, C. L. Thompson, F. A. Henry, J. T. Williams, W. M. Simpson, T. L. Airey, J. P. Phillips, Elias L. Rivers, Willis S. Stone, B. F. Stewart, R. C. Sims, G. T. Rankin, V. L. Hopson, H. W. Rives, W. C. Jordan, N. A. Stuart, William J. White, J. M. Nicholson, James B. Sugg, A. T. Roane, H. T. Owens, J. S. Northington, A. Hobday, J. W. Balfour, John Dobbin, J. McLaughlin, T. M. Robinson, J. A. Anderson, W. B. Davison, to be assistant quartermasters, with the rank of captain; George William Brent, to be assistant adjutant-general, with the rank of colonel; T. B. Roy, G. M. Sorrel, Archer Anderson, Thomas M. Jack, G. St. Leger Grenfell, and A. S. Pendleton, to be assistant adjutants-general, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel; I. Szymanski, H. A. Whiting, Greene Peyton, H. B. McClellan, A. R. Venable, George A. Gallagher, A. Vander Horst, William H. Palmer, D. E. Huger, L. H. Hunt, J. A. Engelhard, H. H. Harrison, R. H. Finney, W. C. Hall, H. K. Douglas, D. C. Jenkins, Thomas Rowland, Thomas P. Branch, John C. Thompson, R. A. Hatcher, J. P. Wilson, G. Andrews, J. W. Pegram, William Elliott, G. C. Brown, J. P. Johnson, H. Robin-

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The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the nomination of A. R. Lawton, to be Quartermaster-General, reported, with the recommendation that said nomination be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Orr,

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to the appointment of A. R. Lawton, to be Quartermaster-General, to take rank from the date of confirmation.

On motion by Mr. Wigfall, that the vote on confirming the nomination of A. R. Lawton, to be Quartermaster-General, be reconsidered,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of N. H. Harris, to be brigadier-general; James B. White, E. H. McDaniel, Edward Q. Thornton, William B. Jackson, Joel W. Flood, to be aids-de-camp, with the rank of first lieutenant; Stephen D. Lee, to be major-general; Joseph H. Stewart, to be second lieutenant of infantry in the Regular Army; A. C. Anderson, Robert S. Morgan, Joshua L. Moore, John F. Conyers, John R. Peoples, W. B. Scott, and A. G. Arrington, to be adjutants, with the rank of first lieutenant; T. B. Hutchison, D. J. Wedge, and W. M. Dunn, to be commissaries, with the rank of major; Thomas A. Long, to be assistant commissary, with the rank of captain; G. M. Bryan, M. R. Cullen, to be members of military court, Trans-Mississippi Department, and A. W. Johnson, to be judge-advocate of the same; J. P. Thompson, to be major, and W. M. Magenis, to be first lieutenant, under act approved October 11, 1862; A. W. King, to be master armorer in the Regular Army, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of W. W. Loring, to be major-general; Henry A. Wise, Gideon J. Pillow, D. Ruggles, William Mahone, R. E. Colston, B. R. Johnson, J. P. Anderson, John K. Jackson, J. R. Chalmers, and J. B. Kershaw, to be brigadier-generals, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be confirmed.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate advise and consent to their appointment, agreeably to the nomination of the President.

Mr. Sparrow, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the nominations of William L. Hunter, to be colonel First Chickasaw Regiment (Indians), and S. H. Martin, to be lieutenant-colonel First Chickasaw Regiment (Indians); T. J. Freeman and B. M. Anderson, to be colonels, J. T. Cearnal, to be lieutenant-colonel, Rich. Gaines, to be major, V. C. Cooke, E. Eastman, and S. A. Doran, to be

captains, under act approved October 11, 1862; George H. Vaughn, Horace H. Brand, James B. Larue, and George W. Woolfolk, to be captains, under act approved October 11, 1862; Samuel J. Alexander, to be commissary, with the rank of major; Thomas F. Fisher, to be commissary, with the rank of major; E. G. Richardson, to be quartermaster, with the rank of major, reported, with the recommendation that all of said nominations be rejected.

The Senate proceeded to consider said report; and in concurrence therewith, it was

Resolved, That the Senate do not advise and consent to their appointment.

On motion by Mr. Burnett,

Ordered, That all nominations made during the present session of the Senate and not finally acted on be continued for consideration at the next session.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the message of the President relative to the general officers appointed under the act approved October 13, 1862; and that it lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Sparrow,

The Senate resolved into open legislative session.

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